# The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

## Minutes

## June 2003 – May 2005

President
Wanda Cavanaugh

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Secretary
Sharon Small

PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MINUTES, JUNE 4, 2003

NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 3, 2003, 5:30 p.m.

Present: Iris Korol, Enid Pearson, Julie Jerome, Ellie Heister, Margaret Feuer, Emily Renzel, Carol Hubenthal, Wanda Cavanaugh, Connie Fasani, Sharon Small, Jennifer Kleckner.

Absent: Karen Holman, Jana Stevens, Ella Vandervoort

Guest: Cherie Donald

Minutes: Passed (Korol, Feuer) to approve the May minutes with the following correction: omit the sentence "we decided to consult the membership at a luncheon about raising dues," from the minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Total assets as of April 30, 2003 are $83,607.50.
Passed (Renzel, Feuer) to file treasurer's report for audit.
Wanda will get in touch with Lanie Wheeler to audit books as of 5/31/03.

Julie, our finance officer, submitted a summary budget for 2003 – 2004.

Income:

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|---|---|
| Carry over | $7,220 |
| Fund Raising and other income | $2,325 |
| Luncheons | $3,500 |
| Membership Dues | $10,500 |
| Rental Income | $40,125 |
| TOTAL: | $63,670 |

Expenses:

| | |
|---|---|
| Building Operating Costs | $27,775 |
| Club Operating Costs | $5,970 |
| Building Enhancement | $16,600 |
| Club Communication | $3,325 |
| Philanthropy | $10,000 |
| TOTAL: | $63,670 |

Rentals – Elizabeth Moder Stern will help with rentals. It was suggested that we open up the club house once a month for tours. This would benefit our rentals.

Membership

Passed (Renzel, Jerome) to approve everyone remaining on waiting list for membership.

Philanthropy – Iris reported that we netted $675.00 on the tea. June luncheon will honor awardees of our $1500 gifts.

House and Grounds – Stagetime (a company recommended by West Bay Opera) will repair the oleo screen. Paint is peeling off one window in the ballroom. The floors were washed and buffed. In late summer, they'll be washed and waxed. Wanda suggested replacing the dirty mop, to get rid of the musty smell. Tom should wet mop and then dry mop.

Elaine Meyer wrote a letter expressing her difficulty hearing the luncheon speakers. This is an ongoing problem. It was suggested that we try to snug the tables up closer, purchase a better mike, or lavalier mikes, or place speakers along the wall where the bougainvillea is. Julie rented a $50 mike from Draper's which worked very well for her function.

Sunshine – Connie will send out "thinking of you" cards to Phoebe Seagrave, Betty Bonn, and Lydia Morse.

New/Other business – There was a discussion of continuing with occasional night time meetings. Last year we had three. A different group of women come at night, but the dinners are less well attended.

Passed (Korol, Small) to have two night time meetings a year, at Christmas and in February.

Jennifer, Connie, Enid and Ellie do not have keys to the clubhouse. Connie would like a copy of the rental info. Margaret will send a copy to everyone.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Small, Recording Secretary

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
BALANCE SHEET
MAY 31, 2003

ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| CA FED SCHOLAR FD #907-0008876 | 8,877.26 | |
| WA MUTUAL BK #1072872-8 | 29,704.37 | |
| COMERICA # 1891161018 | 13,218.34 | |
| COMERICA #1891184358 | 25,096.94 | |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | 76,896.91 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 76,896.91 |

FUND BALANCE

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|---|---|---|
| FUND BALANCE | 76,864.14 | |
| CURRENT EXCESS (DEFICIT) | 32.77 | |
| FUND BALANCE | | 76,896.91 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE | | 76,896.91 |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

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To the Board of Directors
Womans Club of Palo Alto
Palo Alto, CA

I have compiled the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities, and fund balances of the Womans Club of Palo Alto as of **May 31, 2003** and the related statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets or fund balances for the **one month** and **twelve month(s)** then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Company's assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, and expenses. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

June 12, 2003

# Agenda
# Women's Club Board
# September 3, 2003

**Welcome**

**Call to Order**

**Minutes – Sharon Small**

**Treasurer's Report – Emily Renzel**
**--Discussion of bylaws change (Article IV, Section 2) regarding who has the responsibility to send out the membership notices**

**Rentals- Elizabeth Moder-Stern**

**Membership**

**Events**

**Philanthropy**

**House and Grounds**
**-Structural support and drainage issues report—Jana Stevens**
**-Spin-off of Grounds Committee**

**Sunshine**

**New/other business:**
**-Vegetarian lunches—Pria Graves email**
**Newsletter production and mailing**

**Next Meeting: Wed. Oct. 1, 2003 5:30 PM**

PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 3, 2003

NEXT MEETING - OCTOBER 1, 2003, 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Wanda Cavanaugh at 5:35.

Present: Wanda Cavanaugh, Julie Jerome, Carol Hubenthal, Iris Korol, Jana Stevens, Emily Renzel, Ellie Heister, Sharon Small, Jennifer Kleckner, and guest Elizabeth Moder-Stern
Absent: Enid Pearson, Margaret Feuer, Connie Fasani, Karen Holman, and Ella Vandervoort

Minutes - The September minutes were passed with the following corrections: 1) Karen Holman was present at the June meeting, and 2) correction to the motion passed concerning membership. Passed (Renzel, Jerome) to contingently approve everyone remaining on the waiting list, subject to the occurrence of a vacancy, their attendance at a meeting and payment of dues.

Treasurer's Report - Emily passed out 4 reports (May, June, July and August 2003) from Kawaguchi, our accountant. The Washington Mutual fund account was moved to a new Comerica account. Total current assets as of August 31, 2003 are $79,337.56.

Lanie Wheeler is preparing an audit for Nov 02 - May 03. Two drawers under window seat now house old treasurers' records for the past 7 years.

Passed (Renzel, Korol) to file treasurer's report for audit.

Rentals - Elizabeth Moder-Stern reported on rentals. Monies taken in from June - August 02 were $13,500. Monies taken in from June - September 03 were $8,l00. Rentals are down from this time last year. Some suggestions for increasing rentals include: increase our exposure on the internet, advertise in the Weekly bride section, investigate whether we're listed under Weddings in directory, and place rental contracts in real estate box on porch. We should also consider more fundraising activities.

Elizabeth brought up the problem of the damp smell in the clubhouse. Jana speculated that it could be a mold problem resulting from accumulated water under the left side of the house (as you face it), or a slow leak under the sink in kitchen. It was also noted that the cupboard that houses the coffee urn has an odor, and that there is a strong smell of gas in the kitchen. Elizabeth noted that the stove does not look clean and that was an aesthetic problem in showing the house to prospective renters. Sylvia LeMarque cleans the kitchen thoroughly twice a year.

Membership - Emily would like more information about crowd capacity of the ballroom. Jana said she would look into this. Julie gave out an updated email list. We welcomed 22 new members: Betsy Allyn, Diane Boxill, Eleanor Doty, Judy Ann Edwards, Ancy Fletcher, Karen Fry, Mary Gallagher, Margie Harrington, Josette Hoffman, Mary

Houlihan, Cathie Lehrberg, Christine Logan, Margo Manley, Joanne Meredith, Nina Moore, Kazumi Muraki, Pat Sanders, Margo Schmidt, Pat Starrett, Connie Turkington, Miriam Vranova, and Mika Younce.

Passed (Renzel, Jerome) to place the membership chair in charge of sending out yearly dues notices.
Emily noted that she would prepare the language for the newsletter and for presentation at the following membership meeting.

Events - Pat Parrish Davis is still recovering.

Philanthropy - The committee starts investigating potential recipients in November and December.

House and Grounds - Pam Grady and Mika Younce will help with the grounds and landscaping. The floors were washed and waxed.

Sunshine - Jeanne Abbott's husband died. Dorothy Arbuckle's son Thomas died.

Passed (Renzel, Stevens) to donate $50 to philanthropy in memory of them.

Ella has been ill. Connie will send a get well card.

New/other business - Iris reported how difficult it had been to get a response from her September luncheon committee members this year and last. It was suggested that we ask for volunteers in May for the September luncheon, and that we announce this committee in the June newsletter. The buyout price could be raised from $15 to $50. Emily noted that honorary members are exempted from contributing.

In October and November, Ellen Smith and Wanda will edit the newsletter. Julie will do the production.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Small, Recording Secretary

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2003

ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| COMERICA SCHOLAR FD #26379 | 10,786.97 | |
| WA MUTUAL BK #1072872-8 | 29,760.47 | |
| COMERICA # 1891161018 | 13,132.51 | |
| COMERICA #1891184358 | 25,112.45 | |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | 78,792.40 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 78,792.40 |

FUND BALANCE

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|---|---|---|
| FUND BALANCE | 76,896.91 | |
| CURRENT EXCESS (DEFICIT) | 1,895.49 | |
| FUND BALANCE | | 78,792.40 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE | | 78,792.40 |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

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To the Board of Directors
Womans Club of Palo Alto
Palo Alto, CA

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September 2, 2003

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES
FOR THE ONE PERIODS ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

| | PERIOD TO DATE | | | YEAR TO DATE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ACTUAL | CURR BUDGET | BUDGET VAR | ACTUAL | CURR BUDGET | BUDGET VAR |
| NUE | | | | | | |
| DONATIONS | .00 | 18.75 | (18.75) | .00 | 18.75 | (18.75) |
| EMBERSHIP DUES | 650.00 | 875.00 | (225.00) | 650.00 | 875.00 | (225.00) |
| FUNDRAISING | 675.00 | 100.00 | 575.00 | 675.00 | 100.00 | 575.00 |
| UNCHEONS | 276.00 | 291.67 | (15.67) | 276.00 | 291.67 | (15.67) |
| NVESTMENT INCOME-BLDG RENTAL | 2,300.00 | 4,377.08 | (2,077.08) | 2,300.00 | 4,377.08 | (2,077.08) |
| NTEREST EARNED | 86.55 | 75.00 | 11.55 | 86.55 | 75.00 | 11.55 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 3,987.55 | 5,737.50 | (1,749.95) | 3,987.55 | 5,737.50 | (1,749.95) |
| RATING EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| ACTIVITIES/LUNCHEONS | .00 | 83.33 | 83.33 | .00 | 83.33 | 83.33 |
| ROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT | 120.00 | 120.00 | .00 | 120.00 | 120.00 | .00 |
| ARDENER | 160.00 | 200.00 | 40.00 | 160.00 | 200.00 | 40.00 |
| ANITORIAL | 350.00 | 466.67 | 116.67 | 350.00 | 466.67 | 116.67 |
| OUSEHOLD SUPPLIES | 40.57 | 100.00 | 59.43 | 40.57 | 100.00 | 59.43 |
| UTILITIES | 286.23 | 375.00 | 88.77 | 286.23 | 375.00 | 88.77 |
| UILDING FUND | .00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | .00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| ELEPHONE | 74.82 | 133.33 | 58.51 | 74.82 | 133.33 | 58.51 |
| TAXES/PPTY, PERSONAL | .00 | 177.92 | 177.92 | .00 | 177.92 | 177.92 |
| FFICE/POSTAGE | 121.35 | 27.08 | (94.27) | 121.35 | 27.08 | (94.27) |
| NEWSLETTER/YEARBOOK | 84.00 | 250.00 | 166.00 | 84.00 | 250.00 | 166.00 |
| UNCHEONS/SOCIALS | 148.85 | 116.67 | (32.18) | 148.85 | 116.67 | (32.18) |
| NSURANCE | .00 | 208.33 | 208.33 | .00 | 208.33 | 208.33 |
| BANK CHARGES | .00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | .00 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| EMBERSHIP | .00 | 8.33 | 8.33 | .00 | 8.33 | 8.33 |
| UES (LP CHPT) | .00 | 254.17 | 254.17 | .00 | 254.17 | 254.17 |
| ILING FEES/PERMITS | .00 | 16.67 | 16.67 | .00 | 16.67 | 16.67 |
| THER/MISCELLANEOUS | .00 | 8.33 | 8.33 | .00 | 8.33 | 8.33 |
| REFUNDS | 325.00 | 1,033.33 | 708.33 | 325.00 | 1,033.33 | 708.33 |
| ARDEN COMMITTEE | .00 | 83.33 | 83.33 | .00 | 83.33 | 83.33 |
| OUSE/GROUNDS | .00 | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00 | .00 | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00 |
| HOUSE MAINTENANCE | 381.24 | 416.67 | 35.43 | 381.24 | 416.67 | 35.43 |
| HILANTHROPY/MEMORIALS | .00 | 833.33 | 833.33 | .00 | 833.33 | 833.33 |
| PRESIDENT'S FUND | .00 | 16.67 | 16.67 | .00 | 16.67 | 16.67 |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | 2,092.06 | 6,339.16 | 4,247.10 | 2,092.06 | 6,339.16 | 4,247.10 |
| EXCESS OR (DEFICIT) | 1,895.49 | (601.66) | 2,497.15 | 1,895.49 | (601.66) | 2,497.15 |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

HECK HISTORY REPORT

SORTED BY CHECK NUMBER

ACTIVITY FROM: 06/01/03 TO: 06/30/03

NK CODE: B COMERICA #1891161018

| ECK MBER | CHECK DATE | VENDOR NUMBER | NAME | CHECK AMOUNT | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 882 | 06/06/03 | IRAL | IRIS KORAL | 315.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 883 | 06/06/03 | MAER | MARGARET FEUR | 37.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 884 | 06/06/03 | REFUND | | 250.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 885 | 06/06/03 | PASD | PAUSD | 84.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 886 | 06/06/03 | THRT | THOMAS SALABERT | 350.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 887 | 06/01/03 | PARE | PALO ALTO HARDWARE | 37.34 | (MANUAL) |
| 888 | 06/06/03 | CIPA | CITY OF PALO ALTO | 286.23 | (MANUAL) |
| 889 | 06/06/03 | EMEL | EMILIY RENZEL | 18.38 | (MANUAL) |
| 890 | 06/06/03 | REFUND | | 75.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 891 | 06/06/03 | MAER | MARGARET FEUR | 41.95 | (MANUAL) |
| 892 | 06/06/03 | WESS | WEST COAST GLASS | 101.24 | (MANUAL) |
| 893 | 06/13/03 | ELUE | ELIZARDO LAMARQUE | 280.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 894 | 06/13/03 | CONK | COMERICA BANK | 1,894.77 | (MANUAL) |
| 895 | 06/13/03 | COES | COLORFUL IMAGES | 19.85 | (MANUAL) |
| 896 | 06/13/03 | CERA | CELIENE O'HARA | 48.85 | (MANUAL) |
| 897 | 06/13/03 | EMEL | EMILIY RENZEL | 7.40 | (MANUAL) |
| 898 | 06/13/03 | MAER | MARGARET FEUR | 21.65 | (MANUAL) |
| 899 | 06/18/03 | DILL | DIANE BOXILL | 100.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 900 | 06/19/03 | SBC | SBC | 53.17 | (MANUAL) |
| 901 | 06/19/03 | GLPA | GLENN T. KAWAGUCHI, CPA | 120.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 902 | 06/27/03 | LELO | LEONARD TRUJILLO | 160.00 | (MANUAL) |
| | | | BANK B TOTAL: | 4,301.83 | |
| | | | REPORT TOTAL: | 4,301.83 | |

PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MINUTES, OCTOBER 1, 2003

NEXT MEETING - NOVEMBER 5, 2003, 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Wanda Cavanaugh at 5:37.

Present: Wanda Cavanaugh, Ellie Heister, Emily Renzel, Jennifer Kleckner, Julie Jerome, Sharon Small, Jana Stevens, Carol Hubenthal, Margaret Feuer, Ella Vandervoort, Karen Holman
Absent: Enid Pearson, Connie Fasani, Iris Korol

Minutes - Passed (Stevens, Kleckner) to approve the September minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Emily reported that per Quicken, our checking account balance is $6815.90 as of October 1, 2003.

Emily suggested a proposed Bylaws Amendment.

"Article IV, Section 2 currently specifies that the Treasurer shall send out dues notices. It is proposed to amend this section to specify that the Membership Chair shall send the notices. The new language will read:

Section 2. Annual dues shall be payable before May 31. The Membership Chair shall send notice of dues payable on April 1 and shall send second notification prior to the third Wednesday in May."

Rentals - Margaret reported that our rental income for 9/3 - 10/1 was $2,550. Ways of increasing rentals were discussed. Jana suggested hosting a tea for wedding vendors or planners. Our $400 credit at Whole Foods could purchase the supplies. Carol suggested that we run an ad in the Palo Alto Weekly classifieds for awhile. She will find out the cost of the ad. It was also recommended that we update our clubhouse with wedding usage in mind.

There followed a discussion of the number of guests that should be allowed in the clubhouse at one time. Emily volunteered to measure our space. Carol will make a diagram that highlights exits and establishes the maximum guest capacity of each room. Jana had information about the Santa Clara County fire code. For an empty room, 7 square feet are needed per person. For a room with tables and chairs, 15 square feet are needed per person. Julie pointed out that we had to make a policy decision concerning two differing needs - how to accomodate safety and accommodate the desires of our clients. Wanda noted that the number of guests should be mentioned in the rental contract.

Passed (Holman, Kleckner) to measure our rental spaces and identify the guest capacity of each space.

Karen suggested that we have someone onsite during rental events. We could look into the cost of a security guard, or club members could take turns supervising an event.

Membership - There are 19 women on the waiting list. Margaret suggests that we limit membership proposals to twice a year.

House and Grounds - Jana reported that rats ate through some of the internal operations of the dishwasher, making it inoperable. Another Bosch dishwasher was ordered. Vector consultants identified openings of rat access and sealed them. Rat traps were placed in the kitchen. She is hopeful that replacing the dishwasher gets rid of the lingering smell.

Bill Frank is not available until January for repairs. Emily purchased 3 more soup tureens. The grounds committee has expanded.

Sunshine - Joyce Voorhies was hospitalized for 3 or 4 days.

New/other business - Sarah French will be at the October luncheon meeting to collect money for See's candy fundraiser. The November meeting of the Loma Prieta chapter of the Woman's Club needs one of our members to attend. A report on the functioning of our club will be needed for the chapter by January 24.

Passed (Kleckner, Stevens) motion to adjourn at 6:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Small, Recording Secretary

PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MINUTES, NOVEMBER 5, 2003

NEXT MEETING - DECEMBER 3, 2003, 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Wanda Cavanaugh at 5:32.

Present: Wanda Cavanaugh, Iris Korol, Emily Renzel, Jana Stevens, Julie Jerome, Connie Fasani, Carol Hubenthal, Karen Holman, Sharon Small, Jennifer Kleckner
Absent: Enid Pearson, Ellie Heister, Margaret Feuer, Ella Vandervoort.

Philanthropy - Iris noted that the philanthropy committee solicits proposals in November. Historically, trees and libraries have been our fundraising subjects. Last year there were 29 requests for 7 grants.

Minutes - Passed (Renzel, Stevens) to approve the October minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Total assets as of September 30, 2003 are $75,736.69.

Passed (Jerome, Holman) to file the report for audit.

Emily presented a copy of the auditor's (Lanie Wheeler) report.

Passed (Renzel, Stevens) that the treasurer insure that we have two signatures for withdrawals from the 3 savings accounts, in response to the auditor's request.

Emily noted that the bylaws require an audit 3 times a year. She commented that once a year is sufficient, except if there is a change of treasurer. She suggested a Bylaws Amendment.

"Article VII, Section 8 of the Bylaws currently provides that the Auditor shall audit the books of the Treasurer at the end of October and March and at the end of the Club year and at any other time when so ordered by the Executive Board. She shall not be a member of the Budget or Finance Committees."

Emily proposed that Article VII, Section 8 of the Bylaws read, "The auditor shall audit the books of the Treasurer at the end of the Club fiscal year, as well as whenever there is a change of Treasurer, or when requested by the Executive Board. The auditor shall not be a member of the Budget or Finance Committees."

Passed (Jerome, Small) that we propose the bylaw change to the membership.

Passed (Renzel, Hubenthal) to approve having the membership chair send out dues notices.

Rentals - We had $4,875 rental income for the month of October. Carol reported that PA Weekly ad rates are $23/week for a category 4 ad with 7 lines of text. It will appear in 3 newspapers, The PA Weekly, The Almanac, and the Mountain View Voice, from mid January to mid March.

Wanda reviewed action items:

.Emily will work with Margaret on Whole Foods raffle items

.Carol will design an ad for the Weekly to encourage rentals

.Wanda will investigate the PA city website and the chamber of commerce for listing possibilities

.Jennifer will find out how much Lucie Stern charges for rentals

Membership - There are 22 members on the waiting list.

House & Grounds - Jana reported that the clubhouse is free of the bad smell, and rat free as well. There is a new light fixture in the foyer, and the table is being painted.

Sunshine - Liz Kniss' sister died. Edith Kaiser moved to Florida.

New/other business - Julie will do the December newsletter. It is likely that the January one will arrive late.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Small, Recording Secretary

Subj: **PAWC BOARD MINUTES, DECEMBER 3, 2003**
Date: Tuesday, January 6, 2004 4:46:39 PM
From: shsmall@earthlink.net

Hi Board Members,
Are there any additions or corrections to the minutes?

PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MINUTES, DECEMBER 3, 2003

NEXT MEETING - JANUARY 7, 2004, 5:30 p.m.

Present: Wanda Cavanaugh, Julie Jerome, Ellie Heister, Jennifer Kleckner, Sharon Small, Carol Hubenthal, Margaret Feuer, Karen Holman
Absent: Iris Korol, Emily Renzel, Jana Stevens, Connie Fasani, Enid Pearson, Ella Vandervoort

Minutes - Passed (Jerome, Kleckner) with the following correction: Although historically the Woman's Club has concentrated fundraising efforts on libraries and trees, more recently our efforts have supported women's and children's groups and libraries.

Treasurer's Report - As of 11/28/03 we have $11,577.91 in our checking account. Our total net assets as of 10/31/03 are $77,806.97.
Passed (Feuer, Jerome) to file the treasurer's report for audit.

Rentals - Margaret reported that rental income for the period 11/6/03 - 12/03/03 was $5,200.
Jennifer reported that Lucie Stern rents to schools for $2000 for a twelve hour period. They pay an attendant $16.00 per hour to oversee security. Non-profits are charged half the amount. Non-residents pay $50.00 more.

We should send notices to schools advertising our venue for fundraising. We should also inform neighborhood associations. Events committees or fundraising chairs of the various school PTAs, the PAFE organization, and the ALL SCHOOLS FUND could be contacted.

Our new rental chairs are Elizabeth Moder-Stern and Jennifer Kleckner. They will start in January.

Carol Hubenthal created an advertisement for us. It will be listed under "announcements" in the Palo Alto Weekly, The Almanac, and the Mountain View Voice.
Passed (Kleckner, Holman) to spend $40 for an ad to run 8 weeks in 3 newspapers that will start immediately.

We need someone to create and host a website. Jennifer will look into hosting it.

Events - The Bunco party is scheduled for March 14, 2004. We need committee members and white elephant gifts.

Membership - There are 22 women on the waiting list.

12.3.2003

Philanthropy - Cards were available for nominations at the November luncheon.

House and Grounds - Rollers were replaced on shades. The committee is still working on the bench design. Some of the wainscoting will be removed to investigate the quality of the wood.

Sunshine - Connie will send a card to Enid.

New/other business - The January newsletter will be produced by December 18 or after January 2. We use PAUSD printing facilities, and they follow the holiday schedule of the schools.

Bylaw change - The November 2003 minutes listed a proposed bylaw change for Article IV, Section 2. Different wording has been proposed for this bylaw.

Article IV, Section 2 Dues
"Annual dues shall be payable before May 31. The Membership Chair or the President's designee shall send the notice of dues payable on April 1 and shall send second notification prior to the third Wednesday in May."

The meeting was adjouned at 6:21.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Small, Recording Secretary

Subj: **PAWC Minutes for January 7, 2004**
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2004 8:30:04 AM
From: shsmall@earthlink.net

Hi Board Members,
Are there any additions or corrections to the minutes?

PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MINUTES, JANUARY 7, 2004

NEXT MEETING - FEBRUARY 4, 2004, 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Wanda Cavanaugh at 5:33.

Present: Wanda Cavanaugh, Ellie Heister, Jennifer Kleckner, Margaret Feuer, Julie Jerome, Emily Renzel, Connie Fasani, Karen Holman, Jana Stevens, Sharon Small
Absent: Iris Korol, Carol Hubenthal, Enid Pearson, Ella Vandervoort

Minutes - Passed (Renzel, Jerome) to note and file the minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Our checking account balance as of 1/7/04 was $7,912.65. Our total assets as of 11/30/04 were $78,765.68. Our property taxes are $2,213.26 a year.
Passed (Renzel, Jerome) to file the treasurer's report for audit.

Rentals - Margaret reported that we had no income generated by rentals for the period December 3 through January 7. We need to broadcast our existence. Karen suggested that we light our building during the holiday season. Jeanne McDonnell will present a program on the Woman's Club for the Palo Alto Historical Association. It was suggested that we run an article in the Palo Alto Weekly on the Woman's Club to coincide with her presentation.

On-site security for social events at Lucie Stern center is provided by part-time employees on staff at the center. Lucie Stern charges $16/hour above the rental fee for this security person. An on-site person here will need to know how to turn on the stove, and assist the renters in different ways. After an event, someone should do a check of the premises. Emily suggested that Karen and Jennifer get together and write about the responsibilities of the security person. An example would be the issue of pictures. The security person could ask the bride if she wanted the pictures to remain on the wall or to be taken down for the event.

Membership - Margaret also reported that we had no new applications. When they come in, applications should go in the mail drawer.

Events - Pat Davis was absent. For the Bunco party, white elephant presents should be wrapped.

House & Grounds - Jana reported that the committee met today. They discussed many issues. They may shift priorities for the three year plan. The sprinkler system could be hitting the building as there is bubbling of paint on the front of the house. There is a break in the sidewalk. It was suggested that we write to the city. All Whole Foods

gift certificates were sold. 1.7.2004

Jana led a discussion of earthquake issues. Do we want a structural evaluation of the house? This would cost about $2500. It was noted that the front wall of the house is not as secure as possible because of all the glass. Do we need to find out if the building is safe? Perhaps a contractor (Tom Jack) could take a look at it. Karen suggested two opinions for earthquake evaluations.

It was also suggested that we create a report to the membership about issues facing the club in the future.

Sunshine - Connie will send a card to Mary Davey.

New/other business - Wanda wrote a club report for the CA Fed of Women's Clubs. The ride sharing program discussion was tabled. It was suggested that Christine Shambora be asked to design a web site for us. Margaret was asked to chair the February meeting. She has a conflict. Emily will chair. Nominating committee nominations were decided. They are: Ellie Heister, Jennifer Kleckner, Connie Fasani, Sharon Small, Carolyn Caddes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Small, Recording Secretary

Palo Alto Chapter Report: January 2003 - January 2004
California Federation of Women's Clubs
Loma Prieta District

The Palo Alto Woman's Club, founded in 1893, today has a full complement of 225 members, ten of whom are Honorary and/or Life Members. We currently have a waiting list of nearly 30, all of whom are invited to attend our monthly meetings as guests.

Our membership is deeply involved in every aspect of our community from elected positions on City Council, School Board, and County Board of Supervisors, to appointed positions on numerous boards and commissions, to a wide variety of not-for-profit agencies that serve the needs of our town and surrounding communities. In addition, many of our members are employed outside the home, including a number who run their own businesses. We are very pleased by the involvement and participation of our members in the Club activities (outlined in more detail below). We feel our membership continues to carry on the Club founders' vision for the Club to be a place of "friendship, self-improvement, and community involvement."

Ongoing Member Activities, Committees and Groups
-Monthly meetings (luncheon or evening meals with educational or entertaining program) hosted by volunteer members.
-Tuesday Night Socials held the second Tuesday of every month give members another opportunity to get together informally after work or at the end of their day.
-History Committee that has done a terrific job of researching Club and local women's history, write a monthly column for our Newsletter and annually organize an educational program for one of our monthly meetings.
-Book Club that meets monthly at the Clubhouse.
-Investment Club that meets monthly at the Clubhouse.
-House and Grounds Committee that is actively involved in the restoration, maintenance and beautification of our Clubhouse and grounds.
-Monthly Newsletter sent to all members.
-Events Committee that plans outstanding programs for our Club members with an eye to fundraising for our Philanthropy activities. Last year we held our first Bunco Night and held a Rummage Sale, as well as a Tea Party at a local tea house hosted by the

Philanthropy Committee. 1-2003 — 1-2004
-Rental Committee involved with the rental of our Clubhouse.
-Philanthropy Committee: Philanthropy continues to be a main focus of the Palo Alto Chapter in terms of fundraising and grants given. Over the past few years we have consistently increased the amount in our fundraising budget and for 2003 were able to give grants totally $10,000, $1500 to each of the following organizations that met our criteria for giving: Achieve Kids, Adolescent Counseling, Community Association for Rehabilitation, KARA, Pathways Hospice and Peninsula Stroke.

Respectfully submitted,
Wanda Cavanaugh, president, Palo Alto Woman's Club

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**Woman's Club of Palo Alto**
**Roof Structure**
1/22/04

This is what I have pieced together so far on the matter of our roof structure. After talking to Dorothy Arbuckle and Tom Salabert and researching our cancelled checks, it appears that in Summer 1972 the wall facing 467 Homer was bulging outward and the roof was caving. At that time there was a coved ceiling approximately two feet higher than the current ballroom ceiling. As I think about it, that would have made for a weak tie between the wall and the roof structure. The choice was to put exterior bracing against the sideyard wall or tie the wall more securely to the roof structure. The Board chose the latter.

J. Paul McKim was hired to do the work. He was paid $25,562 altogether for the job. On 8/15/72 he was paid $660. On 9/25/72 he was paid $7866. On 9/29/72 he was paid $7866. On 11/10/72 he was paid $7803, and on 12/4/72 he was paid $1170. Apparently the ceiling of the ballroom was removed and a great deal of structural reinforcement was done taking the lumber up through the open ceiling. House and Grounds Committee went up in the attic on 1/14/04 and noted a substantial amount of structural reinforcing. Some resembled recommendations in Rinne & Peterson. Two 4x12 timbers were offset across rafters to spread the load and roof trusses were braced to them. The ceiling of the ballroom was lowered to eliminate the coving and the roof trusses and rafters then tied directly to the wall.

In addition, the Club paid Lloyd McVickers, a well-known structural engineer $1192.50 on 11/17/72 - just before the final payment to McKim. I have placed a call to Lloyd McVickers (968-0512) and am expecting a return call.

In the 1980's the City of Palo Alto required seismic evaluations for all non-residential structures. In May 1989 ours was completed by Rinne & Peterson. It concluded that side to side shaking was our biggest threat and that the window wall facing Homer was a weak spot. Research so far indicates that no additional work was done in response to the Rinne and Peterson report.

The Club also spent over $12,000 for termite work by Tri-County Termite Control in about 1976 . I called Tri-County and spoke to Jose. He said he remembers doing work on our building and said it was primarily around the front porch. They do not have records going back that far.

Next stop is the Club minutes and perhaps they will shed some more light on the choices that were made in the 1970's.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gumshoe Renzel

PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MINUTES, FEBRUARY 4, 2004

NEXT MEETING - MARCH 3, 2004, 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Emily Renzel at 5:40.

Present: Emily Renzel, Jana Stevens, Julie Jerome, Jennifer Kleckner, Sharon Small, Ellie Heister, Carol Hubenthal, Karen Holman
Absent: Wanda Cavanaugh, Margaret Feuer, Connie Fasani, Iris Korol, Enid Pearson, Ella Vandervoort

Minutes - Passed (Jerome, Kleckner) to note and file the minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Our checking account balance as of 2/4/04 was $6776.96. Our total assets as of 12/31/04 were $75,305.98.

Passed (Small, Jerome) to file the treasurer's report for audit.

Rentals - Jennifer reported for January. It was a slow month. We received $250.00 for a memorial service. The house was shown to many prospective renters. Jana suggested that we continue to run the ad through February and March.

Passed ((Holman, Kleckner) to extend the ad through February and March.

Karen and Margaret composed a survey to be mailed to anyone who has rented the facility during the past 2 years. It aims to gather info that will help us better accommodate the needs of our renters. It will be copied on club letterhead and signed by Wanda. It was suggested that we place phone calls to alert renters to the appearance of the survey.

Membership - There are 28 people on the waiting list.

Events - Bunco will be held on Sunday 3/14. It is hoped that all board members will attend.

Philanthropy - Julie reported for Iris. The committee met in January. It was decided that the committee would not gift the same organization twice consecutively.

House and Grounds - The committee visited the ~~crawl~~ attic space. It resembles 1989 drawings from Renne-Peterson report. Emily noted that the 1989 earthquake caused no problems. Jana suggested obtaining an evaluation by a structural engineer for $2300. The city trimmed the oak tree. A field trip to Ikea and Expo was planned to investigate the cost of fixtures for the men's bath.

Sunshine - Emily reported that Betsy Laster and Pam Grady are both seriously ill.

New/other business - 1) It was the consensus of the board that we designate past

presidents on nametags by some means (color, etc.). 2) Sarah French suggested that we create a cookbook for the Woman's Club. Jana noted that this could create a revenue stream. Recipe cards instead of a cookbook might work. Ellie has compiled a folder of recipes used by the luncheon chairs. 3) Carol needs recipes as fillers for newsletter. The membership column used to take up a lot of space. 4) It was suggested that dues be raised to $75. Karen would like to keep dues at $50, since it makes membership more affordable to all. Julie suggests raising dues to $62.50. The bylaws require that the board may only raise dues once a year. We need to make a decision before dues notices go out, by next meeting. We should discuss different levels of membership - sustaining, etc. at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Small, Recording Secretary

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
BALANCE SHEET
JANUARY 31, 2004

ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| COMERICA SCHOLAR FD #26379 | 10,858.10 | |
| COMERICA # 1891161018 | 8,048.12 | |
| COMERICA #1891184358 | 25,178.21 | |
| COMERICA # 26411 | 31,236.85 | |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | 75,321.28 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 75,321.28 |

FUND BALANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| FUND BALANCE | 76,896.91 | |
| CURRENT EXCESS (DEFICIT) | (1,575.63) | |
| FUND BALANCE | | 75,321.28 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE | | 75,321.28 |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

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To the Board of Directors
Womens Club of Palo Alto
Palo Alto, CA

I have compiled the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities, and fund balances of the Womens Club of Palo Alto as of **January 31, 2004** and the related statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets or fund balances for the **one month** and **eight month(s)** then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

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A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

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Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Company's assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, and expenses. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

March 3, 2004

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES
FOR THE EIGHT PERIODS ENDED JANUARY 31, 2004

| | PERIOD TO DATE | | | YEAR TO DATE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ACTUAL | CURR BUDGET | BUDGET VAR | ACTUAL | CURR BUDGET | BUDGET VAR |
| REVENUE | | | | | | |
| DONATIONS | .00 | 18.75 | (18.75) | 140.00 | 150.00 | (10.00) |
| MEMBERSHIP DUES | .00 | 875.00 | (875.00) | 1,000.00 | 7,000.00 | (6,000.00) |
| FUNDRAISING | .00 | 100.00 | (100.00) | 850.00 | 800.00 | 50.00 |
| LUNCHEONS | 365.00 | 291.67 | 73.33 | 2,099.29 | 2,333.36 | (234.07) |
| INVESTMENT INCOME-BLDG RENTAL | 250.00 | 4,377.08 | (4,127.08) | 22,450.00 | 35,016.64 | (12,566.64) |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 15.00 | .00 | 15.00 | 65.00 | .00 | 65.00 |
| INTEREST EARNED | .00 | 75.00 | (75.00) | 499.82 | 600.00 | (100.18) |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 630.00 | 5,737.50 | (5,107.50) | 27,104.11 | 45,900.00 | (18,795.89) |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| ACTIVITIES/LUNCHEONS | .00 | 83.33 | 83.33 | .00 | 666.64 | 666.64 |
| PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT | 240.00 | 120.00 | (120.00) | 960.00 | 960.00 | .00 |
| GARDENER | 50.00 | 200.00 | 150.00 | 803.41 | 1,600.00 | 796.59 |
| JANITORIAL | 260.00 | 466.67 | 206.67 | 3,462.87 | 3,733.36 | 270.49 |
| HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES | .00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 246.34 | 800.00 | 553.66 |
| UTILITIES | .00 | 375.00 | 375.00 | 2,230.93 | 3,000.00 | 769.07 |
| BUILDING FUND | .00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | .00 | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| TELEPHONE | .00 | 133.33 | 133.33 | 550.48 | 1,066.64 | 516.16 |
| TAXES/PPTY, PERSONAL | .00 | 177.92 | 177.92 | 2,213.26 | 1,423.36 | (789.90) |
| OFFICE/POSTAGE | .00 | 27.08 | 27.08 | 877.23 | 216.64 | (660.59) |
| POSTAGE | .00 | .00 | .00 | 44.40 | .00 | (44.40) |
| NEWSLETTER/YEARBOOK | .00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 1,151.72 | 2,000.00 | 848.28 |
| LUNCHEONS/SOCIALS | 14.70 | 116.67 | 101.97 | 1,026.54 | 933.36 | (93.18) |
| INSURANCE | .00 | 208.33 | 208.33 | 2,217.00 | 1,666.64 | (550.36) |
| BANK CHARGES | .00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | .00 | 80.00 | 80.00 |
| MEMBERSHIP | .00 | 8.33 | 8.33 | 17.04 | 66.64 | 49.60 |
| DUES (LP CHPT) | .00 | 254.17 | 254.17 | .00 | 2,033.36 | 2,033.36 |
| FILING FEES/PERMITS | .00 | 16.67 | 16.67 | .00 | 133.36 | 133.36 |
| OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS | .00 | 8.33 | 8.33 | 300.00 | 66.64 | (233.36) |
| ADS | .00 | .00 | .00 | 40.00 | .00 | (40.00) |
| REFUNDS | .00 | 1,033.33 | 1,033.33 | 6,225.00 | 8,266.64 | 2,041.64 |
| GARDEN COMMITTEE | .00 | 83.33 | 83.33 | 25.32 | 666.64 | 641.32 |
| HOUSE/GROUNDS | .00 | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00 | 3,095.96 | 10,400.00 | 7,304.04 |
| HOUSE MAINTENANCE | 50.00 | 416.67 | 366.67 | 3,159.63 | 3,333.36 | 173.73 |
| PHILANTHROPY/MEMORIALS | .00 | 833.33 | 833.33 | 32.61 | 6,666.64 | 6,634.03 |
| PRESIDENT'S FUND | .00 | 16.67 | 16.67 | .00 | 133.36 | 133.36 |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | 614.70 | 6,339.16 | 5,724.46 | 28,679.74 | 50,713.28 | 22,033.54 |
| EXCESS OR (DEFICIT) | 15.30 | (601.66) | 616.96 | (1,575.63) | (4,813.28) | 3,237.65 |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

HECK HISTORY REPORT

*SORTED BY CHECK NUMBER*

ACTIVITY FROM: 01/01/04 TO: 01/31/04

ANK CODE: B COMERICA #1891161018

| HECK UMBER | CHECK DATE | VENDOR NUMBER | NAME | CHECK AMOUNT | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2024 | 01/05/04 | GLPA | GLENN T. KAWAGUCHI, CPA | 120.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2025 | 01/08/04 | SIUE | SILVIA CEJA-LAMARQUE | 50.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2027 | 01/08/04 | THRT | THOMAS SALABERT | 260.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2028 | 01/14/04 | CERA | CELIENE O'HARA | 14.70 | (MANUAL) |
| 2029 | 01/25/04 | EMEL | EMILIY RENZEL | 50.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2030 | 01/26/04 | GLPA | GLENN T. KAWAGUCHI, CPA | 120.00 | (MANUAL) |
| | | | BANK B TOTAL: | 614.70 | |
| | | | REPORT TOTAL: | 614.70 | |

# Agenda
# Women's Club Board
# March 3, 2004

**Welcome – Wanda Cavanaugh**

**Call to Order**

**Minutes – Sharon Small**

**Treasurer's Report – Emily Renzel**

**Rentals—Jennifer Kleckner or Elizabeth Moder-Stern**
**Here Comes The Gudie advertising**

**Membership – Margaret Feuer**

**Events – Pat Davis**

**Philanthropy – Iris Korol**
**--This year's actual gift numbers**

**House and Grounds – Jana Stevens**
**-Renne-Petersen "Structural" proposal**

**Sunshine – Connie Fasani**
**Betsy Lasker and Pam Grady memorial donations**

**New/other business:**
**-Extend membership or increase dues discussion**
**-The History Committee would like to donate $25 to the Women's History Resource Center at UC Santa Cruz for microfilming documents. Transcriptions of our club's minutes from 1894 to 1920 are in the university archives. The donation will come from the California Federation of Women's Clubs through the Loma Prieta District, so the check needs to be made out to the District.**

**Next Meeting: Wed. April 7, 2004 5:30 PM**

Nominating Comm. Rpt.

Subj: **2nd draft, Minutes**
Date: Friday, April 2, 2004 7:08:48 PM
From: shsmall@earthlink.net

PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MINUTES, MARCH 3, 2004

NEXT MEETING - APRIL 7, 2004, 5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Wanda Cavanaugh.

Present: Wanda Cavanaugh, Connie Fasani, Emily Renzel, Margaret Feuer, Sharon Small, Julie Jerome, Iris Korol, Carol Hubenthal, Ellie Heister, Jennifer Kleckner, Jana Stevens
Absent: Enid Pearson, Ella Vandervoort, Karen Holman

Treasurer's Report: In response to questions, Emily reported that Kawaguchi charges $120.00 for accounting services. This includes creating our tax returns. We are netting about $100/month on luncheons after paying $100 - $250 for some of our programs and reimbursing some luncheon and social expenses. Our checking account balance as of 3/3/04 was $6251.53 Our total currents assets as of 1/31/04 were $75,321.28.

Passed (Kleckner, Feuer) to file the report for audit.

Rentals - Jennifer reported that we have no bookings after May. To increase rentals, it was suggested that we have a display ad in the Palo Alto Weekly, that we march in the May Fete Parade, that we display signage in front of the clubhouse, that we create a bridal fair display, that we list ourselves in a second guide.

Membership - Peggy Tsao (a former member) and Diane MacDaniels were admitted. We have 28 on the waiting list now.

Events - There will be Bunco practice games after the Social Hour this month.

Philanthropy - The committee has met 3 times. Applications for 26 organizations have been accepted. Ten site visits are planned in the next couple of weeks. The Woman's Club is a supporting organization for the history museum.

House and Grounds - Jana reported on the interest in repair and improvement of men's room.

Sunshine - Georgia Spears moved to a rest home. Cards were sent to her and Violet Henley by Connie.

New/business - The web site needs a URL. Christine Shambora and Reid Kleckner are setting up the web site. It will emphasize the clubhouse as a wedding reception location and show wedding pictures.

Passed (Renzel, Korol) to authorize the treasurer to send a donation of up to $50 to the Women's History Resource Center at UC Santa Cruz for microfilming documents. The university archives contain transcriptions of

our club's minutes from 1894 to 1920. The check should be made out to Loma Prieta District. 3.3.04

It was suggested that we have a bridge afternoon with lessons and playing time.

Dues increase - With the decrease in rental income, we need income from another source. The finance committee proposed raising dues by $25.00 a year and will put it to membership vote at the March meeting. There was discussion of presenting the idea in an unrushed way at the next monthly meeting. However, dues reminders must be distributed by the membership chairwoman by the end of March. They are due and payable before May 31. If we wish to make a change this year, all the actions required by the bylaws need to be done this month.

Passed (Feuer, Renzel) to raise annual dues to $75.00 a year. Margaret agreed to send the required notice to the membership.

Emily reported that the strike action of the Steinway was adjusted for $450, and we also had both pianos tuned for $290.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05.

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
BALANCE SHEET
FEBRUARY 29, 2004

ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| COMERICA SCHOLAR FD #26379 | 10,870.95 | |
| COMERICA # 1891161018 | 6,604.97 | |
| COMERICA #1891184358 | 25,188.19 | |
| COMERICA # 26411 | 31,273.77 | |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | 73,937.88 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 73,937.88 |

FUND BALANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| FUND BALANCE | 76,896.91 | |
| CURRENT EXCESS (DEFICIT) | (2,959.03) | |
| FUND BALANCE | | 73,937.88 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE | | 73,937.88 |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

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To the Board of Directors
Womens Club of Palo Alto
Palo Alto, CA

I have compiled the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities, and fund balances of the Womens Club of Palo Alto as of **February 29, 2004** and the related statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets or fund balances for the **one month** and **nine month(s)** then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Company's assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, and expenses. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

April 6, 2004

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES
FOR THE NINE PERIODS ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2004

| | PERIOD TO DATE | | | YEAR TO DATE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ACTUAL | CURR BUDGET | BUDGET VAR | ACTUAL | CURR BUDGET | BUDGET VAR |
| EVENUE | | | | | | |
| .ATIONS | .00 | 18.75 | (18.75) | 140.00 | 168.75 | (28.75) |
| MEMBERSHIP DUES | .00 | 875.00 | (875.00) | 1,000.00 | 7,875.00 | (6,875.00) |
| FUNDRAISING | 188.00 | 100.00 | 88.00 | 1,038.00 | 900.00 | 138.00 |
| LUNCHEONS | 290.00 | 291.67 | (1.67) | 2,389.29 | 2,625.03 | (235.74) |
| INVESTMENT INCOME-BLDG RENTAL | 1,325.00 | 4,377.08 | (3,052.08) | 23,775.00 | 39,393.72 | (15,618.72) |
| MISCELLANEOUS | .00 | .00 | .00 | 65.00 | .00 | 65.00 |
| INTEREST EARNED | 59.75 | 75.00 | (15.25) | 559.57 | 675.00 | (115.43) |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 1,862.75 | 5,737.50 | (3,874.75) | 28,966.86 | 51,637.50 | (22,670.64) |
| PERATING EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| ACTIVITIES/LUNCHEONS | .00 | 83.33 | 83.33 | .00 | 749.97 | 749.97 |
| PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT | .00 | 120.00 | 120.00 | 960.00 | 1,080.00 | 120.00 |
| GARDENER | .00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 803.41 | 1,800.00 | 996.59 |
| JANITORIAL | 350.00 | 466.67 | 116.67 | 3,812.87 | 4,200.03 | 387.16 |
| HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES | 55.58 | 100.00 | 44.42 | 301.92 | 900.00 | 598.08 |
| UTILITIES | 1,021.17 | 375.00 | (646.17) | 3,252.10 | 3,375.00 | 122.90 |
| BUILDING FUND | .00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | .00 | 900.00 | 900.00 |
| TELEPHONE | 88.92 | 133.33 | 44.41 | 639.40 | 1,199.97 | 560.57 |
| TAXES/PPTY, PERSONAL | .00 | 177.92 | 177.92 | 2,213.26 | 1,601.28 | (611.98) |
| OFFICE/POSTAGE | 234.19 | 27.08 | (207.11) | 1,111.42 | 243.72 | (867.70) |
| POSTAGE | .00 | .00 | .00 | 44.40 | .00 | (44.40) |
| NEWSLETTER/YEARBOOK | 252.00 | 250.00 | (2.00) | 1,403.72 | 2,250.00 | 846.28 |
| LUNCHEONS/SOCIALS | 157.43 | 116.67 | (40.76) | 1,183.97 | 1,050.03 | (133.94) |
| INSURANCE | .00 | 208.33 | 208.33 | 2,217.00 | 1,874.97 | (342.03) |
| BANK CHARGES | .00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | .00 | 90.00 | 90.00 |
| MEMBERSHIP | .00 | 8.33 | 8.33 | 17.04 | 74.97 | 57.93 |
| DUES (LP CHPT) | 20.00 | 254.17 | 234.17 | 20.00 | 2,287.53 | 2,267.53 |
| FILING FEES/PERMITS | .00 | 16.67 | 16.67 | .00 | 150.03 | 150.03 |
| OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS | .00 | 8.33 | 8.33 | 300.00 | 74.97 | (225.03) |
| ADS | .00 | .00 | .00 | 40.00 | .00 | (40.00) |
| REFUNDS | .00 | 1,033.33 | 1,033.33 | 6,225.00 | 9,299.97 | 3,074.97 |
| GARDEN COMMITTEE | .00 | 83.33 | 83.33 | 25.32 | 749.97 | 724.65 |
| HOUSE/GROUNDS | 275.00 | 1,300.00 | 1,025.00 | 3,370.96 | 11,700.00 | 8,329.04 |
| HOUSE MAINTENANCE | 740.00 | 416.67 | (323.33) | 3,899.63 | 3,750.03 | (149.60) |
| PHILANTHROPY/MEMORIALS | 51.86 | 833.33 | 781.47 | 84.47 | 7,499.97 | 7,415.50 |
| PRESIDENT'S FUND | .00 | 16.67 | 16.67 | .00 | 150.03 | 150.03 |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | 3,246.15 | 6,339.16 | 3,093.01 | 31,925.89 | 57,052.44 | 25,126.55 |
| EXCESS OR (DEFICIT) | (1,383.40) | (601.66) | (781.74) | (2,959.03) | (5,414.94) | 2,455.91 |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

HECK HISTORY REPORT

*SORTED BY CHECK NUMBER*

ACTIVITY FROM: 02/01/04 TO: 02/29/04

CODE: B COMERICA #1891161018

| ECK MBER | CHECK DATE | VENDOR NUMBER | NAME | CHECK AMOUNT | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2031 | 02/02/04 | JANS | JANA STEVENS | 57.43 | (MANUAL) |
| 2032 | 02/02/04 | EUNT | EUROFRONT | 275.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2033 | 02/02/04 | PASD | PAUSD | 168.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2034 | 02/02/04 | SETE | SECRETARY OF STATE | 20.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2035 | 02/02/04 | AT&T | AT & T | 22.12 | (MANUAL) |
| 2036 | 02/02/04 | CIPA | CITY OF PALO ALTO | 579.86 | (MANUAL) |
| 2037 | 02/02/04 | SBC | SBC | 66.80 | (MANUAL) |
| 2038 | 02/03/04 | EMEL | EMILIY RENZEL | 49.19 | (MANUAL) |
| 2039 | 02/07/04 | BUON | BURTON WILSON | 290.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2040 | 02/07/04 | EMEL | EMILIY RENZEL | 185.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2041 | 02/07/04 | IROL | IRIS KOROL | 51.86 | (MANUAL) |
| 2042 | 02/08/04 | TORT | TOM SALABERT | 55.58 | (MANUAL) |
| 2042 | 02/08/04 | THRT | THOMAS SALABERT | 350.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2043 | 02/08/04 | CIPA | CITY OF PALO ALTO | 441.31 | (MANUAL) |
| 2044 | 02/08/04 | PASD | PAUSD | 84.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2045 | 02/18/04 | ALBS | AL JACOBS | 100.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2046 | 02/20/04 | BUON | BURTON WILSON | 450.00 | (MANUAL) |

BANK B TOTAL: 3,246.15

REPORT TOTAL: 3,246.15

Dues Report

In phoning for the Bunco party, several people inquired about the BIG dues increase. I sensed a fair resistance. I know Wanda has also received some comments. The concerns I heard were from active members, not deadwood. At House & Grounds we discussed it a little and one idea was floated that we consider a lesser increase and request a separate tax deductible contribution to cover overhead costs. I just finished adding up the direct and indirect (overhead) costs and they are shown below. (Sorry for the garbled format) The "direct" costs are $39.21 per member and the total indirect (overhead) costs are $59.24 per member for a total of $98.45 per member. If we allocate half of the indirect costs plus 100% of the direct costs, it comes out to $68.83/member.

Just to float an idea, what if we raise the dues to $65 (which almost covers direct plus one-half indirect costs) and ask for a suggested $25.00 tax deductible donation to cover overhead? Since the dues increase would be less than that noticed, I believe it would be considered noticed for purposes of the bylaws. If just 90 members make the $25 donation, it will result in the same total income. Our rental income, by the way, is at 64% of normal - not zero. Cheers! Emily

**Membership Costs**
**(Based on 2002-2003 actual costs or as shown)**

Direct

| | |
|---|---|
| Yearbook | 675.80 |
| Postage (110 @ .60 ) | 66.00 |
| Envelopes (110 @ .06) | 6.60 |
| Newsletters (10 @167.25) | 1672.50 |

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Federation Dues (2002-2003 actual) | | 3038.00 |
| Email Directory | | 79.84 |
| Extra Notices | | |
| Postage (2 x 83.25) | 166.50 | |
| Printing (450 x .05) | 22.50 | |
| Envelopes (450 x .01) | 4.50 | |
| Membership Mailings | | |
| #1 (83.25 + 11.25 + 2.25) | 96.75 | |
| #2 (40.70 + 5.50 + 1.10) | 47.30 | |
| Luncheons/Socials/Programs (2002-03 actual) | | 1183.00 |
| Accountant | | 1440.00 |
| Office/Postage | 323.00 | |
| **TOTAL DIRECT COSTS** | **$ 8822.29** | |
| **divided by 225 members =** | | **$ 39.21/ member** |
| **Other Costs** | | |
| Property Taxes (2002-2003 actual) | 2080.00 | |
| Gardener (2002-2003 actual) | 1141.00 | |
| Janitor ($350 x 12 months) | | 4200.00 |
| Utilities ($368/mo x 12 months) | | 4418.00 |
| Phone (2002-2003 actual) | | 1491.00 |
| **TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS** | | **13,330.00** |
| **divided by 225 members =** | | **$ 59.24 per member** |
| **Direct + Indirect costs =** | | **98.45 per member** |
| **One half of indirect costs =** | | **29.62 per member** |
| **Direct = one/half indirect costs =** | | **68.83 per member** |

THE PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB
475 Homer Avenue
Palo Alto, CA. 94301

March 4, 2004

Dear Member,

At the March 17th luncheon meeting, the membership will be asked to vote on a Board resolution to raise The Woman's Club annual dues from $50.00 to $75.00.

This will be our first dues increase since the 1994-95 year. You may recall a prior newsletter report from Anne Ercolani, our 2001-2003 Treasurer stating that our current dues of $50.00 do not cover direct expenses of servicing the membership, i.e., newsletters, yearbooks, postage, programs, and other communications. Additionally, our rental income for the current year has not met our budget projections.

I am sure you agree that The Woman's Club is a vital organization which plays a valuable role both in members' lives and in our community. Please show your support for the Finance Committee's proposal to increase dues by attending and voting at the March 17th meeting.

Sincerely,

Margaret R. Feuer

Margaret Rodgers Feuer
Membership Chairperson

# Agenda
# Women's Club Board
# April 7, 2004

**Welcome – Wanda Cavanaugh**

**Call to Order**

**Minutes – Sharon Small**

**Treasurer's Report – Emily Renzel**

**Rentals—Jennifer Kleckner or Elizabeth Moder-Stern**
Here Comes The Guide advertising status?

**Membership – Margaret Feuer**

**Events – Pat Davis**
Bunco party proceeds

**Philanthropy – Iris Korol**
Report from Iris who will miss Board meeting as she is in Boston.
Approval needed for committee allocation $10K of $2500 each to Children's Library Fund and PA History Museum. $1250 each to Girls' Middle School, EPA Kids Foundation, Ecumenical Hunger Program and Foundation for a College Education.

Iris reports that "The Committee is very excited about the decisions and were of such a like mind.....amazing and great fun. Please get Board approval and I will then send out the Congrats letters and invitations to June lunch where we present the checks."

**House and Grounds – Jana Stevens**

**Sunshine – Connie Fasani**

**New/other business:**
--Nomination Committee Report
--2nd Annual Tea Party—place, time, date TBA--Iris working on ideas
--Bridge at the Club status—9 signed up at last meeting for lessons including 1 to do both. Will have sheet at April 21 luncheon.

**Next Meeting: Wed. May 5, 2004 5:30 PM**

# Woman's Club of Palo Alto Board Minutes, April 7, 2004

NEXT MEETING – May 5, 2004, 5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Wanda Cavanaugh at 5:39 PM

Present: Wanda Cavanaugh, Margaret Feuer, Emily Renzel, Connie Fasani, Julie Jerome, Karen Holman, Ellie Heister, Carol Hubenthal and Jennifer Kleckner
Absent: Enid Pearson, Sharon Small, Kris Korol, Jana Stevens and Ella Vandervoort

**Minutes** of the March meeting were approved as distributed with the following corrections/additions: Under Treasurer's report – Kawaguchi charges $120 per month for accounting services and under Rentals – We are offering a 1/3 reduced rental rate ($250 off regular price) for the next six months. (Renzel/Feuer)

**Treasurer's Report** – The current checking account balance is $13,030.89 with understanding that two $500 checks for rental refunds will be made when Emily receives the correct addresses. Current assets as of 2-29-04 are $73,937.77. Passed (Jerome/Holman) to file the report for audit.

**Membership** – Margaret reported that there are now 30 prospective members on our waiting list. There have been 4 resignations - Linda Larson, Betsy Young, Cathy Kroymann and Marilyn Sokol and 64 members have paid dues for next year to date. Margaret will wait until all dues are in before notifying persons on the waiting list of available space in the club membership.

A general discussion was held about the idea of limiting the number of people an individual member could sponsor per year, the need for listing sponsors at all, and revising the membership application form. Provision for recording email address needs to be added if the latter takes place. No action taken

**Rentals** – Jennifer reported a new rental agreement pending for the Palo Alto High School Class of 69 this August. The renewal of our advertisement in Here Comes the Bride publication is due this month. The fee for the next two year advertisement has been increased to $2,400. Jennifer also presented several other advertising sources that she had researched. (The Wedding Knot and Wedding Sites and Services) The board preferred to stay with Here Comes the Bride book and magazine but would like to update the interior picture that is used in the magazine, if possible. Karen and Jennifer will work on this possibility. Carol Hubenthal will research better placement possibilities for our ad in the Palo Alto Weekly.

**House and Grounds** – The committee will be concentrating on improvements that will make the club house more attractive for rentals. There has been an almost 50% response to the questionnaire that was sent out to past renters. The two areas most often mentioned for improvement by the respondents are air conditioning (we have none) and chairs (white preferred).

A question about exploring existing city rebate programs for upgrades of heating and cooling systems to help keep utility costs down was put forth.

The committee is also still exploring ways to replace the outside door on the Fireside Room with one which would let some daylight into the room.

Emily reported that the club house mailbox slot cover was replaced.

**Philanthropy** – The Board approved the allocation suggested by the Philanthropy Committee : $10K of which $2500 each would go to the Children's Library Fund and the PA History Museum, and $1250 each to the Girls Middle School, EPA Kids Foundation, Ecumenical Hunger Program and the Foundation for a College Education. (Jerome/Fasani) Iris was not present, but reports that "the committee is excited about their decisions and were of such a like mind". Congratulation letters and invitations to the June lunch for presentation of checks will be sent out.

**Nominating Committee** – The following slate of officers for 2004-2005 was submitted to the membership at the March luncheon. Any further nominations from the floor and voting on the slate will take place at the April meeting, Connie, Ella and Enid are retiring from the Board.

| | |
|---|---|
| President | Wanda Cavanaugh |
| First Vice President | Jana Stevens |
| Second Vice President | Margaret Feuer |
| Treasurer | Emily Renzel |
| Recording Secretary | Celiene O'Hara |
| Corresponding Secretary | Sharon Small |
| Finance | Julie Jerome |
| Directors for One Year | Karen Holman, Ellie Heister, Carol Hubenthal, Jennifer Kleckner |
| Directors for Two Years | Iris Korol, Pat Davis, Elizabeth Moder Stern |

**Other items** –
Iris is still working on a possible 2nd Annual Tea Party fund raiser…place, time, date to be announced.

Nine people signed up at the last luncheon expressing an interest in Bridge Lessons at the Club and one for both lessons and regular play. Another sheet will be available at the April lunch for sign up.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM

Ellie Heister for Sharon Small

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
BALANCE SHEET
MARCH 31, 2004

ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| COMERICA SCHOLAR FD #26379 | 10,884.71 | |
| COMERICA # 1891161018 | 8,294.89 | |
| COMERICA #1891184358 | 25,198.87 | |
| COMERICA # 26411 | 31,313.29 | |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | 75,691.76 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 75,691.76 |

FUND BALANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| FUND BALANCE | 76,896.91 | |
| CURRENT EXCESS (DEFICIT) | (1,205.15) | |
| FUND BALANCE | | 75,691.76 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE | | 75,691.76 |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

5/3/04
$20,652.95

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To the Board of Directors
Womens Club of Palo Alto
Palo Alto, CA

I have compiled the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities, and fund balances of the Womens Club of Palo Alto as of **March 31, 2004** and the related statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets or fund balances for the **one month** and **ten month(s)** then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Company's assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, and expenses. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

April 20, 2004

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES
FOR THE TEN PERIODS ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

| | PERIOD TO DATE | | | YEAR TO DATE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ACTUAL | CURR BUDGET | BUDGET VAR | ACTUAL | CURR BUDGET | BUDGET VAR |
| DONATIONS | .00 | 18.75 | (18.75) | 140.00 | 187.50 | (47.50) |
| MEMBERSHIP DUES | .00 | 875.00 | (875.00) | 1,000.00 | 8,750.00 | (7,750.00) |
| FUNDRAISING | 1,370.00 | 100.00 | 1,270.00 | 2,408.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,408.00 |
| LUNCHEONS | 360.00 | 291.67 | 68.33 | 2,749.29 | 2,916.70 | (167.41) |
| INVESTMENT INCOME-BLDG RENTAL | 3,088.00 | 4,377.08 | (1,289.08) | 26,863.00 | 43,770.80 | (16,907.80) |
| MISCELLANEOUS | .00 | .00 | .00 | 65.00 | .00 | 65.00 |
| INTEREST EARNED | 63.96 | 75.00 | (11.04) | 623.53 | 750.00 | (126.47) |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 4,881.96 | 5,737.50 | (855.54) | 33,848.82 | 57,375.00 | (23,526.18) |
| ERATING EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| CONTRIBUTIONS | 50.00 | .00 | (50.00) | 50.00 | .00 | (50.00) |
| CTIVITIES/LUNCHEONS | .00 | 83.33 | 83.33 | .00 | 833.30 | 833.30 |
| PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT | 120.00 | 120.00 | .00 | 1,080.00 | 1,200.00 | 120.00 |
| GARDENER | 160.00 | 200.00 | 40.00 | 963.41 | 2,000.00 | 1,036.59 |
| ANITORIAL | 530.00 | 466.67 | (63.33) | 4,342.87 | 4,666.70 | 323.83 |
| HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES | .00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 301.92 | 1,000.00 | 698.08 |
| NTILITIES | 334.77 | 375.00 | 40.23 | 3,586.87 | 3,750.00 | 163.13 |
| UILDING FUND | .00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | .00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| TELEPHONE | 179.06 | 133.33 | (45.73) | 818.46 | 1,333.30 | 514.84 |
| AXES/PPTY, PERSONAL | .00 | 177.92 | 177.92 | 2,213.26 | 1,779.20 | (434.06) |
| OFFICE/POSTAGE | 345.82 | 27.08 | (318.74) | 1,457.24 | 270.80 | (1,186.44) |
| POSTAGE | .00 | .00 | .00 | 44.40 | .00 | (44.40) |
| EWSLETTER/YEARBOOK | 68.15 | 250.00 | 181.85 | 1,471.87 | 2,500.00 | 1,028.13 |
| LUNCHEONS/SOCIALS | 260.28 | 116.67 | (143.61) | 1,444.25 | 1,166.70 | (277.55) |
| NSURANCE | .00 | 208.33 | 208.33 | 2,217.00 | 2,083.30 | (133.70) |
| ANK CHARGES | .00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | .00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| MEMBERSHIP | .00 | 8.33 | 8.33 | 17.04 | 83.30 | 66.26 |
| UES (LP CHPT) | .00 | 254.17 | 254.17 | 20.00 | 2,541.70 | 2,521.70 |
| FILING FEES/PERMITS | .00 | 16.67 | 16.67 | .00 | 166.70 | 166.70 |
| THER/MISCELLANEOUS | .00 | 8.33 | 8.33 | 300.00 | 83.30 | (216.70) |
| DS | .00 | .00 | .00 | 40.00 | .00 | (40.00) |
| REFUNDS | 500.00 | 1,033.33 | 533.33 | 6,725.00 | 10,333.30 | 3,608.30 |
| ARDEN COMMITTEE | 10.00 | 83.33 | 73.33 | 35.32 | 833.30 | 797.98 |
| HISTORICAL COMMITTEE | 25.00 | .00 | (25.00) | 25.00 | .00 | (25.00) |
| OUSE/GROUNDS | 525.00 | 1,300.00 | 775.00 | 3,895.96 | 13,000.00 | 9,104.04 |
| OUSE MAINTENANCE | .00 | 416.67 | 416.67 | 3,899.63 | 4,166.70 | 267.07 |
| PHILANTHROPY/MEMORIALS | .00 | 833.33 | 833.33 | 84.47 | 8,333.30 | 8,248.83 |
| RESIDENT'S FUND | 20.00 | 16.67 | (3.33) | 20.00 | 166.70 | 146.70 |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | 3,128.08 | 6,339.16 | 3,211.08 | 35,053.97 | 63,391.60 | 28,337.63 |
| EXCESS OR (DEFICIT) | 1,753.88 | (601.66) | 2,355.54 | (1,205.15) | (6,016.60) | 4,811.45 |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

HECK HISTORY REPORT

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ACTIVITY FROM: 03/01/04 TO: 03/31/04

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| :047 | 03/01/04 | JUME | JULIE JEROME | 35.50 | (MANUAL) |
| :048 | 03/01/04 | SBC | SBC | 67.90 | (MANUAL) |
| :049 | 03/01/04 | EMEL | EMILIY RENZEL | 25.97 | (MANUAL) |
| :050 | 03/02/04 | AT&T | AT & T | 22.12 | (MANUAL) |
| :051 | 03/03/04 | GLPA | GLENN T. KAWAGUCHI, CPA | 120.00 | (MANUAL) |
| :052 | 03/03/04 | REFUND | | 500.00 | (MANUAL) |
| :053 | 03/03/04 | THRT | THOMAS SALABERT | 40.00 | (MANUAL) |
| :054 | 03/05/04 | CANS | CA FEDERATION OF WOMANS | 25.00 | (MANUAL) |
| :055 | 03/17/04 | BARCK | BARBARA BABCOCK | 200.00 | (MANUAL) |
| :056 | 03/18/04 | SIUE | SILVIA CEJA-LAMARQUE | 100.00 | (MANUAL) |
| :057 | 03/19/04 | MAER | MARGARET FEUR | 313.40 | (MANUAL) |
| :058 | 03/19/04 | THRT | THOMAS SALABERT | 350.00 | (MANUAL) |
| :059 | 03/19/04 | LELO | LEONARD TRUJILLO | 160.00 | (MANUAL) |
| :060 | 03/19/04 | CITO | CITY OF PALO ALTO | 334.77 | (MANUAL) |
| :061 | 03/19/04 | JUME | JULIE JEROME | 68.15 | (MANUAL) |
| :062 | 03/19/04 | CERA | CELIENE O'HARA | 24.78 | (MANUAL) |
| :063 | 03/19/04 | EMEL | EMILIY RENZEL | 16.45 | (MANUAL) |
| :064 | 03/28/04 | THRT | THOMAS SALABERT | 40.00 | (MANUAL) |
| :065 | 03/28/04 | BINK | BILL FRANK | 525.00 | (MANUAL) |
| :066 | 03/28/04 | SBC | SBC | 66.92 | (MANUAL) |
| :067 | 03/28/04 | LOST | LOMA PRIETA DIST | 50.00 | (MANUAL) |
| :068 | 03/31/04 | PEUB | PENINSULA HILLS WOMANS CLUB | 10.00 | (MANUAL) |
| :069 | 03/31/04 | HOUB | HOLLISTER WOMANS CLUB | 10.00 | (MANUAL) |
| :070 | 03/31/04 | AT&T | AT & T | 22.12 | (MANUAL) |

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| BANK B TOTAL: | 3,128.08 |
| REPORT TOTAL: | 3,128.08 |

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
APRIL 7, 2004

Report:

1. 30 women on the waiting list
2. 4 resignations: Carhy Kroymann, Linda Larson, Marilyn Sokol and Betsy Young
3. 55 members have paid dues

Suggestions:

1. New member's invitations to admission should be deferred until after dues are in.
2. There should be a time limit for acceptance of invitations to join.
3. In the past, there was a limit on the number of times per year that a Club member can sponsor. This should be reinstated as it creates more diversity in the Club.

Submitted by Margaret Feuer, Membership Chair
1st VP

PAHA 4.4.2004

The Palo Alto organization that began in 1893 as the Mother's Club, formally incorporated on June 20, 1894 as the Woman's Club of Palo Alto with 24 members. Their goals were self-improvement, mutual help and community work, and they didn't waste any time fulfilling them. Within the first four years of the club's existence, they had founded the city's first reading room and library, as well as its first elementary school and high school.

The Club's founders dreamt of having their own clubhouse. By 1906 they had raised $1,000 and purchased a lot on the corner of Homer Avenue and Cowper Street. At the time, they worried that this property was "too far out in the country"! It took 10 more years of continuos fundraising, collecting $5,300, to begin construction of their Tudor-Craftsman style "home". Charles E. Hodges, a noted architect of the day, designed the building. As so often happens, there were cost overruns and final cost of construction was $10,590. In September 1916, 400 Palo Alto residents attended a gala celebration to mark the completion of this charming building.

During Palo Alto's formative years, the Club was the women's arm of local government and school affairs at a time when women were ineligible to vote or hold political offices. Today, most of the women who have served on the Palo Alto City Council are members. Early civic activities included tree planting, beginning our library system, and setting up one of the first gymnasiums in town. Learn more about the

The first President, Dr. Mary Campbell, said that the Club was the "woman's arm of government" at a time when few women in the nation had voting rights. In the minutes of 1907, the Club passed a resolution in which they described themselves as "relatives" of male citizens.

Many community amenities we all take for granted today were initiated and fought for by Woman's Club members.

* They convinced City Hall to install sewers to prevent typhoid that had decimated other towns.
* They purchased, planted, watered, pruned street trees.
* They discouraged the use of trees as hitching posts.
* The Club's Village Improvement Committee recommended park locations and landscaping.
* They sponsored town clean-up days.
* They founded the Palo Alto library.

Founding the library took countless hours of fund raising, holding Book Socials and applying for a grant to build the first town library. They rented a space, staffed it with Club volunteers, and donated the first books.

Every year, schools were high on the Club agenda. The Club donated art for classrooms, petitioned for better pay for teachers, paid all the expenses of a gymnasium, and argued for free textbooks. To this day, the Club has a scholarship fund. At the request of teachers, the Club hosted Home and School meetings—the predecessor of the PTA. In 1909, the Club nominated for Board of School Trustees Mrs. C.L. Place, the first woman elected to any Palo Alto office.

The Club responded then and now to crises. During the typhoid epidemic of 1903, they delivered food to the sick. In 1906, they helped San Francisco earthquake refugees. They provided hospitality to Camp Fremont soldiers and their families during World War I. In 1989, the Club sent money and supplies to Watsonville, hard-hit by the earthquake. Responding to the hurricane relief efforts in 2005, the Club is engaged in fund raising to support on-going needs in Mississippi and Louisiana.

When cultural opportunities were few, the Club was a center for art, music, literature, and ideas. Renowned speakers included:

* Stanford President Dr. David Starr Jordan
* Rev. Walter Hays

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* Dr. Cielia Mosher of Stanford who spoke about women's health issues
* Ida Husted Harper, Susan B. Anthony's biographer

Musicians performed at every meeting. Today, the Club continues to host an interesting array of speakers on a variety of topics.

See the Palo Alto Woman's Club Historical Timeline

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

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PAHA April 4, 2004

List of Slides

1. Woman's Club Building
2. Mrs. Campbell
3. Reading room
4. first library
5. groundbreaking
6. plaque (1916)
7. WC sign
8. Mrs. Dixon
9. Mrs. Hansen
10. flower show
11. Pt. Lobos
12. Gini Bunnell
13. Library 1
14. Library 2
15. Dann
16. Arbuckle.screen
17. 75th anniv.
18. Building again
19. Barbara Babcock???

# Agenda
# Women's Club Board
# May 5, 2004

**Welcome – Wanda Cavanaugh**
**2004-2005 New Members: Elizabeth Moder-Stern; Pat Davis; Celiene O'Hara**

**Call to Order**

**Minutes – Sharon Small**

**Treasurer's Report – Emily Renzel**

**Rentals—Jennifer Kleckner or Elizabeth Moder-Stern**
Here Comes The Guide, other advertising status? Photos, etc.

**Membership – Margaret Feuer**

**Philanthropy – Iris Korol**
High Tea in the Garden
Plans for June luncheon grant awards

**Events – Pat Davis**

**House and Grounds – Jana Stevens**

**Sunshine – Connie Fasani**
Violet Henley's 95th birthday

**New/other business:**
-Board Installation at May Luncheon
-Bridge at the Clubhouse status
-Club Website status report: Wanda and Jennifer
-Summer Activities:

1. Program Committee
2. Finance Committee
3. Events Committee

**-Farewell and thanks to Connie Fasani, Ella Vandervoort, and Enid Pearson.**

**Next Meeting: June 2, 2004 5:30 PM (New Board's First Meeting)**

PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MINUTES, MAY 5, 2004

NEXT MEETING - JUNE 2, 2004, 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Wanda Cavanaugh.

Present: Wanda Cavanaugh, Karen Holman, Margaret Feuer, Sharon Small, Iris Korol, Julie Jerome, Ellie Heister, Jennifer Kleckner, Carol Hubenthal, Jana Stevens, Connie Fasani, Emily Renzel, Pat Davis
Absent: Enid Pearson, Ella Vandervoort

Treasurer's Report - We have a balance in our checking account of $20,652.95. Our total assets as of 3/31/04 are $75,691.76.

Minutes - Passed (Korol, Stevens) to note and file the minutes.

Membership - 4 women from the waiting list accepted membership: Jeanne Aufmuth, Judy Gittelsohn, Patricia Kueffer and Alice Smith. 5 members have resigned: Cathy Kroymann, Linda Larson, Marilyn Sokol, Betsy Young, Joan Sanders. There are 33 women on the waiting list.

Rentals - Jennifer reported $8,090 income for the month of April. It was suggested that we create an updated photo display, using an interior photographer. Jennifer requested money to rent chairs and floor length linens to stage the ballroom.

Philanthropy - Iris reported on several issues. Our yearly grant awards will be presented at the June luncheon. A high tea fundraiser has been scheduled in June in the garden at Hyatt Rickeys. Arthur Escado (a fruit and vegetable sculptor) has agreed to do a demonstration before the tea fundraiser. Lessons for bridge may be available in the fall. Let Iris know if you have any interest.

Finance - Julie reported on the projected budget for next year. House and grounds needs to decide on how much they will need for next year. The budget should be presented at the June board meeting and at the June luncheon.

Events - Pat reported that we need to get more members to attend the fundraisers. She felt a great sense of being let down after the Bunco party. There followed a discussion of fundraising. Margaret mentioned that according to the bylaws, every committee is responsible for some philanthropy. Ellie remembered her membership in the Montreal American Woman's Club. They did fundraising in small groups. When a group got together for fun, each person would donate $5 to the club. They often collected $50 to $75 that way. It was called "a fin for fun." Connie asked, "what are we raising money for?" Clubhouse maintenance and improvement are priorities as is philanthropy. Jennifer suggested a capital campaign. We could build an endowment and and ask people to leave gifts in their wills. We need a committee chaired by someone with experience. One of the first items of business would be to establish a long range deferred

maintenance program. Pat mentioned that Gamble Gardens has a 20 year plan, called the Capital Improvement Program. It would be helpful to examine the structure of Gamble's improvement program.

Passed (Kleckner, Davis) to create a House Preservation Fundraising Committee (HPFC).

House and Grounds - Jana spoke about replacing the speaker system. She offered to donate a set of speakers, and have her son Reed install them as a community service project.

Passed (Fasani, Small) to replace the speakers in the ceiling with Jana's speakers, using Reed Stevens for installation.

Jana also reported on the questionnaires that were mailed to former renters. The major complaint was a lack of air-conditioning. Renters also suggested using white chairs for the tables, and replacing the foyer furniture. In the future, questionnaires will be sent out with the security deposit. It was suggested that air-conditioning the clubhouse should take precedence over the 3 year plan. H & G is also working on replacing the 3 doors. The estimate is $5,000. Steve Duquette, a structural engineer will look at the clubhouse next week. His charge is $600.

Sunshine - Violet Henley celebrated her 95th birthday. Dave Bubinik took photographs for Here Comes the Guide. Connie will send a thank you note. Shulamith Rubinfein is ill. Phoebe Seagrave passed away.

Passed (Feuer, Small) to give $50 in memory of Phoebe Seagrave.

Farewell and thanks to Connie Fasani, Ella Vandervoort, and Enid Pearson.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Small, Recording Secretary

May Memo:

Many of my friends have said that they "are giving" the Woman's Club "one more year" to get its' act together.

We can talk when John and I return from France. It worries me and I hope that the Board can seriously begin to solve the puzzle.

*Pat Davis*

Pat and Wanda, Chris Logan and I were talking about this after the last luncheon where we had such an excellent speaker (Esther Hewlett on International Woman's Issues). Chris and I have been a bit disappointed by some of the luncheon speakers, but this speaker was not only good, she dealt with women's issues (it felt like this presentation "belonged at Woman's Club" and afterwards several people told me they "wished they had invited their daughters"). Chris and I talked about how the Woman's Club "could be"--with a renewed focus on the more "modern woman" who still loves an occasional tea party but thrives on women's leadership information and empowerment skills and global reach to other women. Even our philanthrophy efforts could be more focused on specific areas which foster women's growth (at all ages!) and that might inspire us to contribute and participate more. We have a wonderful historic building but don't really "have our hearts" into managing it, promoting it (including giving it an update in looks). We should add financial empowerment and leadership to our own approach to this wonderful property. Perhaps the Board could focus on our mission and "vision for the future" and think about adding this "learning and growth" feature to our goals of enjoying each other and having fun with the idea of refurbishing the building to make it more "education friendly". Just some ideas. Good luck; at least you have some great leadership on your Board--both of you included! Thanks for giving your time and energy to the rest of us at Woman's Club.

Jeanne Althouse
1801 Middlefield Road
Palo Alto, CA 94301

**Next Meeting: September 1 or 8, 2004 5:30 PM (Board decision, Luncheon is 15th)**

# The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

## June 2003 NewsLetter

President: Wanda Cavanaugh | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

### President's Message

We look forward to having as many of you as possible attending our June lunch, hosted by Edith Zitelli and her team. It will feature pianist Diane Boxill and we'll meet the recipients of our Philanthropy Committee's awards. Philanthropy is one of the areas that we are proud to be growing again as a Club. Thanks to Iris Korol and her committee and our Events Committee for their efforts towards this.

I particularly want to thank Sarah French and Julie Jerome, our outgoing co-presidents, for their outstanding work with the Club. Julie will be staying on as Finance Chair and Sarah will be leaving the board after almost 10 years and a number of positions. Thanks also to our outgoing board members who have done such a great job: Thanks! Cherie Donald, Christine Shambora, Fran Titterton, and Anne Ercolani. We will miss you on the board, but know we can count on your help and advice going forward. We have an outstanding incoming board with a mix of experience and fresh ideas. It will be great to work with everyone. Let's offer a special welcome to our first time board members Jennifer Kleckner, Ellie Heister, Carol Hubenthal, Karen Holman, and Iris Korol. June starts our two-month hiatus. BUT, there will be Club activities going on including the Program and Lunch Committees and Rentals (the most important source of Club income). At our June lunch we'll have sign up sheets for these and other committees. They represent great ways to meet members, contribute to the community and be involved with the Club. So, sign up and get connected. If you must miss the meeting, give us a call and we'll help you out.

Have a great summer.

*Wanda Cavanaugh*

## Diane Boxill
## Piano Music

**Budget Approval**

Wednesday, June 18th

**11:45 Member and guest sign-in, buffet dinner**
**12:30 President's Welcome**
**12:45 Program**

***Lunch is offered at $5.00 per person***
HOSTED BY EDITH ZITELLI

**Look Inside!**

History Corner, Book Club,
New Members,
June Luncheon Duty Lists

## Book Group

**Tuesday, June 24, 7:30 p.m.**

***When the Elephants Dance***
**by Tess Uuriza Holthe**

*"When the elephants dance, the chickens must be careful. The great beasts, as they circle one another, shaking the trees and trumpeting loudly, are the Amerikanos and the Japanese as they fight, and our Philippine Islands? We are the small chickens."*

It was somewhat painful to read about the horrors of war at this particular time, but this book was much more than a war story. The author, who was born in San Francisco, says it is based on stories her father told, and those stories are about a culture.

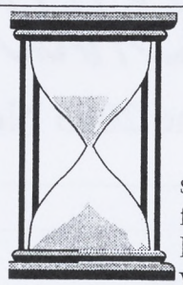
The story of the class system that prevailed as a result of the Spanish invasion of centuries ago and the native people who have continued to use their language and treasure their heritage seems related to the Indian people's lives in our country.

This is a long book, and not light reading. Brutality and bravery are central to it, and the story made me trust that our contemporary era makes it harder for warriors to commit rape and murder quite as readily as they did in the past.

*Discussion leader: Jeanne McDonnell*
*Refreshments: Anne Ercolani*

The last book in our spring series of books recommended by members of the group *Blessings* by Anna Quindlen. New members always welcome. Fourth Tuesday.

*Jeanne McDonnell*



## History Corner

### The Art of Archaeology

The history committee sponsored the lunch program in March for National Women's History Month. We invited Dr. Barbara Voss, who recently got her Ph.D. at Berkeley and teaches at Stanford. Her program had local significance because it related to the Briones-Miranda family that owned nearby land.

Barbara has the honor of being in charge of an archaeological study at the Presidio of San Francisco this summer and next at the site of the homes of Marcos Briones and Miramontes that date to c.1815. Miramontes was the name of Juana's sister's family, later the founders of Half Moon Bay. Marcos Briones was Juana's father. Juana is an important historical figure for her many accomplishments. Two recent books and an exhibit of national scope have included information about her.

In 1844, she purchased the Purisima la Concepcion ranch of over 4,400 acres. Part of the house she built there remains, with additions made in the early 1900s, on Old Adobe Road in Palo Alto. The Juana Briones Heritage Foundation was founded to acquire it as an educational resource for California history. [See www.brioneshouse.org] The current owners sued the City of Palo Alto for refusing to issue a demolition permit. The Judge hearing the case ruled that they could not

## History Committee

**Tuesday June 3, 7:30 p.m.**
Confirm with Joan Holland (326-3169.)

demolish and that they were, in fact, obligated to perform certain repairs and maintenance on the house. We have been told that they plan to appeal this.

Barbara's work at the Presidio is ground-breaking in more than the archaeological sense. She will study ways of life of ordinary residents there, including Indians. Although women and children have always been the majority presidial population, most previous research focused on military history.

Visitors may drop by the excavation any weekday, July 9 to August 15, between 10:00 and 3:00. Two more detailed tours will include a visit to the laboratory on Tuesday July 22 at 10:30 a.m. and Friday August 15 at 2 p.m. No reservation necessary. The location is Polin Spring at the south end of MacArthur Avenue. Stop by the Presidio Visitor Center for a map, or check the website at http://www.stanford.edu/group/presidio/

*Jeanne McDonnell*

**Lunch Assignments June18, 2003**
Edith Zitelli, 327-8777

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| Ellen Barton | Elizabeth Lillard-Bernal |
| Gloria Brown | Adelaide Macovski |
| Joan Bruce | Leigh Metzler |
| Mildred Chackerian | Sybil Pfluke |
| Ann Debusk | Karen Recht |
| Elspeth Farmer | Nancy Weeks Rossen |
| Sarah H. French | Christine Shambora |
| Mary Hansen | Barbara Stephens |
| Julie Jerome | Shelby Valentine |
| Barbara Klein | Elizabeth Wright |

## NEW MEMBERS

**Diane Boxill**, 488 University Avenue, #317, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone 327-8369. Email: dboxill@earthlink.net. Diane is a piano teacher.

She has served on mission boards of the national and international United Methodist Church, and the General Board of Global Ministries. She currently volunteers with the Girls and Boys Club of East Palo Alto. Her interests are music, language, art, communication, justice, and people.

**Eleanor Doty**, 4072 Scripps Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Phone: 494-3897. Eleanor worked for Career Action Center and has volunteered at Foothill and Palo Alto Tennis Club. Her hobbies are gardening, theatre, reading and tennis.

**Miriam Vranova**, 185 Cervantes Road, Palomar Park, CA 94062-3838. Phone 306-9399. Email: miriamv@ix.netcom.com. Miriam is a skin care therapist and teacher. Her hobbies are acting and photography.

## Womans Club Membership Procedure

Our Bylaws Article III, Section (B) b provides "A person proposed for membership shall fill out an application and attend one regular monthly meeting. The applicant must be sponsored by two members who know her personally." Section (B) c provides, "Members of at least six months standing are eligible to sponsor or co-sponsor members." We have been a bit lax on enforcing these rules, but since we have a waiting list, we're going to follow the Bylaws seriously from now on. Thanks for your cooperation.

*Emily Renzel, Membership Chair*

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, June 3** - History Committee 7:30 pm at the clubhouse
for info: Joan Holland, 326-3169

**Wednesday, June 4** - Board Meeting at 5:30 pm

**Tuesday, June 10**- Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
*Bring a friend!!!* For info: Celiene O'Hara, 367-8122

**Tuesday, June 17**- Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Barbara Martin (408) 445-2674

**Wednesday, June 18**-Lunch Meeting at noon
Budget Approval and Piano Music by Diane Boxill

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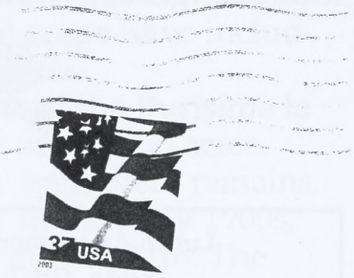


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# The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

## November 2003 Newsletter

President: Wanda Cavanaugh | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

### President's Message

Fall is definitely here. We feel it in the air, and we know it from the drumbeat of things to do as we approach the holidays, starting with Thanksgiving. It has been a good year for our Club with a lot to be thankful for: full membership, many wonderful luncheons, great programs, lots of rentals thanks to Margaret Feuer and Elizabeth Moder-Stern, continued updating of the Clubhouse thanks to Jana Stevens and the House and Grounds Committee, continued friendships and the opportunity to participate in a number of fundraising opportunities that allow us to give back to our community.

A special note of thanks is due for the efforts of the House and Grounds Committee: Jana Stevens, Margaret Feuer, Emily Renzel, Karen Holman, and Caroline Willis. Not only have they made progress in the Club beautification efforts, they also dealt swiftly and smoothly with the leaky dishwasher and faucet and the ramifications from these disasters to get us up and running again in the kitchen. They have been great examples of grace under fire.

The November 19 lunch topic is right out of today's headlines, hormone replacement therapy (HRT) and what it means for each of us, whether we are pre-menopause, peri-menopause, or post-menopause. You will enjoy a lively presentation and discussion with Rebecca Pinto, PA- C. Rebecca is the lead clinician in primary care and gynecology with Planned Parenthood Golden Gate, San Mateo. Our luncheon host is Karen Recht. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

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# Hormone Replacement Therapy

## Rebecca Pinto

Rebecca is a graduate of Lewis and Clark and has a Physician Associate Certificate Yale University School of Medicine Physician Associate Program New Haven Connecticut

HOSTED BY KAREN RECHT

**11:45 Member and guest sign-in, buffet lunch**

**12:30 President's Welcome, Program & Dessert**

**1:15 Adjourn**

***Lunch is offered at $5.00 per person***

**Look Inside!**

History Corner, Book Club,
December Luncheon Duty Lists,
Address & Email Updates,
Proposed Bylaws changes & See's Candy Sale

## Book Group

**Tuesday, November 25, 7:30 p.m.**

*Brunelleschi's Dome: How a Renaissance Genius Reinvented Architecture*

by Ross King

One of our book group members, Ellie Heister, will have just returned from Florence where this centuries-old dome is, so we hope to get some firsthand reports from her.

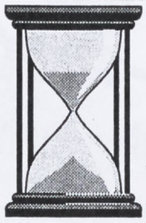
Brunelleschi was an inventor. He either invented perspective in painting or rediscovered the principle of the vanishing point. He invented a hoist to transport sandstone beams and slabs of marble several hundred feet above ground and to place them accurately. The beams weighed 1700 pounds each. The author writes that the hoist became one of the most celebrated machines of the Renaissance.

It was nice to read about a person who solved problems as he went along, apparently believing in himself to the extent that he did not doubt that he could it. Also nice to read about such things as entablatures, goldsmiths, proportions of columns and pediments, and bricks that had to be seasoned for two years before being fired at 1000 degrees Celsius.

Discussion leader: Anne Ercolani
Refreshments: Pat Davis

The remaining sessions will be December 16, *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Dai Sijie, and January 27, *Body and Soul* by Frank Conroy. Our topic this season is books related to the arts. New members welcome.

*Jeanne McDonnell*



## History Corner

### The 1930s Depression

During the depression in the 1930s, Woman's Clubs took an active roll in helping people in their communities. As unemployment began spreading throughout the country, Herbert Hoover, then President, asked the Woman's Clubs to help with a government survey of unemployed workers in their communities. The Clubs responded quickly and the government survey of the local unemployed workers was mailed back to Washington. The number of responses supported the seriousness of the problem.

As the economy continued to deteriorate, many Woman's Clubs throughout the country organized to help those in need. An Alabama Club "adopted" 15 children, paying for their care at a medical clinic. In response to the Federation survey, Alabama clubs provided a supply of milk to 8,000 undernourished school children.

There were "Bundle Days" when a committee of club women collected used garments, sometimes working with Red Cross groups. They repaired the clothes and gave them to those in need.

As the number of unemployed increased, home gardens of fruits and vegetables were canned and preserved for the homeless, often working with church groups and clubs. Some towns and villages organized to grow food to help feed families.

*-Joan Holland*

## History Committee

**Tuesday November 4, 7:30 p.m.**
Confirm with Jeanne McDonnell 321-5260

## Two Proposed Bylaws Amendments:

The bylaws of this Club may be amended at any regular business meeting by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting.

**1)** A proposal will be before the membership at the November 19th meeting to wit:

Article IV, Section 2 currently specifies that the Treasurer shall send out dues notices. It is proposed to amend this section to specify that the Membership Chair shall send the notices. The new language will read:

"Section 2. Annual dues shall be payable before May 31. The Membership Chair shall send notice of dues payable on April 1 and shall send second notification prior to the third Wednesday in May."

The Board is considering at its November 5 meeting the following Bylaws change to reflect our current practice of an annual audit. If approved by the Board, this will be presented to the membership at the November 19th luncheon meeting.

**2)** Article VII, Section 8 of the Bylaws currently provides, "The auditor shall audit the books of the Treasurer at the end of October and March and at the end of the Club year and at any other time when so ordered by the Executive Board. She shall not be a member of the Budget or Finance Committees."

It is proposed that we amend Section 8 to read, "The auditor shall audit the books of the Treasurer at the end of the Club fiscal year, as well as whenever there is a change of Treasurer, or when requested by the Executive Board. The auditor shall not be a member of the Budget or Finance Committee."

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*President's letter continued*

As a Club, we have some wonderful activities in addition to the luncheons that we hope you all will take the opportunity to participate in. They add to ways that you can make new friends and meet old ones. The next Tuesday Night Drop-In Social is November 11th at 5:00. Come and bring a friend or two.

*Wanda*

### Address Changes

**Joan Bruce:** P.O. Box 8090, Portola Valley, 94028
**Edith Kaiser:** 1004 Crescent Parkway, Deland, FL 32724
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## BE PHILANTHROPIC

## Buy **See's** Candy

Sarah French is once again taking orders for One-Pound Gift Certificates for See's candy. Each certificate is $11.00, and for each certificate you buy, $1.50 will go to the Philanthropy Committee. Buy for gifts, buy for yourself.

Save money, donate to philanthropy, and get candy. What a deal!

Make your checks to Sarah French for $11.00 for each pound certificate you want and get them to Sarah (144 Lois Lane, Palo Alto, CA 94303) by November 15.

*You will have your certificates in time for Thanksgiving.*

**December 17, 2003 Evening Meeting**

Patricia Davis 321.2120
Bunny Peterson 328.6297

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| Jeanne Althouse | Carol A. Lin |
| Mary Grace Bertsch | Liz Mann |
| Sarah Cane | Joanne Meredith |
| Lynn Chiapella | Celiene O'Hara |
| Cherie Donald | Helene Pier |
| Margaret R. Feuer | Sophia Ristich |
| Judith Frost | Margo Schmidt |
| Mary Hansen | Pat Starrett |
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## December 2003 Newsletter

President: Wanda Cavanaugh | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

### President's Message

Wishing you all a wonderful Holiday Season. May all your wishes come true and for the Woman's Club, may we continue to prosper and flourish.

As we say goodbye to 2003, I'm happy to report that the Club is doing well thanks to the terrific efforts of so many of our members and to all of you who come to meetings and share in the warmth and friendship. We are delighted that you continue to share your friendships with us by bringing guests who so often turn out to be old friends, too.

We welcome in 2004 with a waiting list of more than 22 plus a number of opportunities for everyone to be involved, from the one requirement of help with a monthly lunch or dinner to our 2nd Tuesday Night Drop-In Socials, Book Club and Investment Club, help with our monthly Newsletter, and our House and Grounds, History, Program, Events, Philanthropy, and Rental Committees. Check your Yearbook for contact information if you are interested in helping out in one of these areas—it's a great way to get to know more people.

Our November meeting was terrific with a delicious salad and pumpkin pie thanks to Chair Karen Recht and her committee. Our speaker, Rebecca Pinto, gave us important information on HRT while charming us with her humor and candor. This month our dinner hosts are Bunny Petersen and Pat Davis and our program will feature the Madrigals from Palo Alto High School. Then we kick off 2004 with Victoria Evanoff speaking on The History of Roses.

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**December 17, 2003**
**For Dinner**

## *The Madrigals*

from Palo Alto High School
Directed by Michael Najar

HOSTED BY BUNNY PETERSON & PAT DAVIS

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| 5:30 | **Member and guest sign-in, buffet dinner** |
| 6:00 | **President's Welcome** |
| 6:30 | **Program** |

***Dinner is offered at $5.00 per person***

**Look Inside!**

History Corner, Book Club,
Annual History Club Outing,
January Luncheon Duty Lists, October Recipe,
Bunco Party Call for Help

## Book Group

**Tuesday, December 16, 7:30 p.m.**

***Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress***
**by Dai Sijie**

We chose a short book this month because we all expect to be over scheduled during the holidays. The theme of our autumn series is books that have to do with the arts, so having covered painting and architecture, we now move to literature, but this book was not at all what I expected.

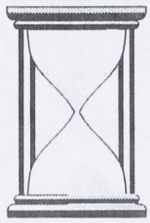
The novel was written in French, and since it read very well I can only presume that the translator, Ina Rilke, was both accurate and literary.

The story is about two young men who get sent off into the countryside to do hard work in a village as part of the mental-cleansing program in China under Mao. Books are forbidden and punishment is severe. The story tells about their secretly getting possession of books at the same time that they meet a young woman, and how this all affected their lives. It's good reading and a lesson in making sure your government never gets like that one.

Discussion leader: Pat Davis
Refreshments: Emily Renzel

The remaining session for this series is about music and will be on January 27, *Body and Soul* by Frank Conroy. New members welcome.

*Jeanne McDonnell*



## History Corner

### Emily Pardee Karns Dixon

Emily Pardee Karns Dixon was one of three women in the history of the Palo Alto Woman's Club to occupy the office of president in two separate time periods. She first served two terms, as Mrs. Karns, from 1909 to 1911. She was elected president again, as Mrs. Dixon, from 1919-1920. She was on the Executive Board for a number of years and was frequently a club delegate at various conventions. She worked to raise funds for the clubhouse and served as chair of the Building Committee, which guided the club through the building process.

Emily Dixon's interest in civic affairs extended beyond the Woman's Club. The Independent Equal Suffrage League of Palo Alto, formed in 1911 "to work for the ratification of senate constitutional amendment No.8" to give California women the franchise, elected her president of the organization. She was the organizing regent in 1925 of Palo Alto's Gaspar de Portola chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was instrumental in the founding of the Palo Alto Unitarian church. A sampling of other civic interests include her signing in 1914, as "one of fifty prominent Republicans in the state," of a call to establish progressive Republican control of the California Republican party, and her serving in 1915 as president of the Panama-Pacific Exposition Woman's Auxiliary, Palo Alto.

Another civic gesture was the donation to Palo Alto of what is now Eleanor Pardee Park. The

## History Committee

**Tuesday December 2, 7:30 p.m.**
Confirm with Jeanne McDonnell 321-5260

**From the October Luncheon — CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD (SHORT CUT)**

From Costco buy prewashed romaine lettuce, a large bottle of Caesar salad dressing, 2 large bags of mesquite grilled chicken breast pieces. Leave chicken in fridge for a day or so to defrost. Do not heat, chicken might dry up.

OR you can buy two cooked rotisserie chickens from Safeway. Slice the chicken, chop the lettuce. Add dressing & toss. Place croutons on top & serve. Place parmesan cheese on serving table by the salad.

park covers ten acres at the corner of Channing and Center. Emily Dixon bought the land and built a house on it in 1903 when she came to Palo Alto. She gave the land to the city in 1920 with the stipulation that she could live in the house until her death, and she also requested that the park be named in memory of her daughter Eleanor.

Also given to Palo Alto was property in San Francisco, the income from which would be used after her death to maintain the house and the park.

In 1922 she made a further request that four rooms in the house be preserved intact as a memorial to Eleanor. The house was eventually demolished in 1972 after a settlement with Emily Dixon's heirs.

Emily Eliot was born in 1853 in Illinois and at the age of six crossed the plains with her family to settle in the Stockton region of California. After finishing her schooling, she taught in the Oakland schools until 1879 when she married Dr. Enoch H. Pardee, a widower with one son. Dr. Pardee participated in the civic affairs of Oakland as mayor and in the state as Assemblyman and Senator. Emily and Enoch Pardee's only child, Eleanor, was born in 1881. Dr. Pardee died in 1896, followed a few months later by the death from typhoid fever of their daughter Eleanor. When the will of Dr. Pardee was contested by Emily, a public and acrimonious debate erupted between the widow and her stepson, George. The dispute ended with the will being settled out of court. Emily Pardee left Oakland and in 1898 married William Karns, an attorney, in Baltimore; the marriage ended in divorce in 1913. A third marriage to James L. Dixon in San Francisco in 1916 also ended in divorce. Emily Dixon lived in Palo Alto until her death in 1940.

*Carol Murden*

*President's letter continued*

Be sure to check out the new light fixture and wicker table in our entry and the winter plantings—the House and Grounds Committee continues to do an outstanding job for us.

*Happy Holidays,*

*Wanda*

## BUNCO PARTY 2004

*We're doing it again by popular demand.*

**Reserve Sunday, March 14 at 5:00 for Bunco at the Woman's Club**

Start looking for those great treasures to bring in for the gifts.

To help out, contact Event Chair Pat Davis 321.2120 — you'll have a great time!

And, plan on attending--it's fun and it raises money for our Philanthropy efforts!

## HISTORY OUTING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

Every year the history committee invites you to visit with us a place that tells about our region's history. This year, it's the Triton Art Museum in Santa Clara. They have a fine collection of Indian baskets (one expert said that California Indians were the greatest basket weavers ever known) and a temporary exhibit of work by Theodore Wores, who, among other things, painted views of San Francisco Chinatown in the 1880s. Then we'll go out to lunch. Carpool from the Club at 10:30, or call Jeanne McDonnell, 321-5260, if you need a ride from home.

**January 21, 2004 Luncheon Committee**
Jana Stevens 327-0370

Mary Burt BLUME
Julie CAPORGNO
Wendy CROWDER
Diane DOOLITTLE
Sharleen FIDDAMAN
Karen FRY
Margie HARRINGTON
Joan JACK
Elizabeth H. KNISS
Christine LOGAN
Mildred MARIO
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Micki SCHNEIDER
Judith STEINER
Miriam VRANOVA
Mika YOUNCE

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Call Susan Kazul 565-9101

**Wednesday, December 17 - Dinner Meeting at 5:45**
The Madrigals from Palo Alto High School, Directed by Jim Yowell

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# The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

## September 2003 NewsLetter

President: Wanda Cavanaugh | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

### President's Message

Welcome back! Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable and interesting summer. As we look forward to another year of fun, education, and the companionship of renewed and new friendships in the Woman's Club, I hope you will also remember that our fellowship is for sharing and that you will continue to bring guests and to grow your friendships at meetings, by serving on committees and being involved.

The collected wisdom of all the intelligent, dynamic and engaged women who have been involved in the Woman's Club through the years actually was a big help to me over the summer. With the rush, and sometimes stress, of activities both work and family related and the issues at home and around the globe, I found myself remembering and being encouraged by this line from the Collect for Club Women: ..."in the big things of life we are at one."

As we begin this year, please note that our membership, per our bylaws, continues to remain full and we also have a waiting list. We encourage those on our waiting list to attend our meetings. You'll find our new members listed elsewhere in our Newsletter.

We had a summer full of activity. Margaret Feuer and Elizabeth Moder-Stern along with help from other members saw to our rental activities. Thanks to the House and Grounds committee you'll see continued work on our wonderful clubhouse including painting of the window areas here in the ballroom. This year we will continue to upgrade the clubhouse including the foyer. Rentals remain our main means of income. Philanthropy and the clubhouse, our biggest, but worthwhile expenses

Thanks to the Program Committee (Judith

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## Welcome New Members

*and*

## Ric Louchard
## Background Music

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***Lunch is offered at $5.00 per person***

HOSTED BY IRIS KOROL

**Look Inside!**

History Corner, Book Club,
New Members,
September & October
Luncheon Duty Lists

## Book Group

Wednesday, September 24,
7:30 p.m.

**Book Group goes to a play**

***Nickel and Dimed***
**by Theatreworks**

During the spring session when our unifying theme was books recommended by members of the group, we read *Nickel and Dimed in America,* which has now been made into a play and is being performed in Mountain View. Play by Joan Holden, book by Barbara Ehrenreich.

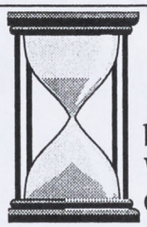
The book was about experiences of the author who set out to see what it was like to work as a waitress, a clerk in a store, or a house cleaner for a franchise service, and what kind of lives people in those jobs had. We had a lively discussion, and are curious to find out how it translates into a play.

We have an extra ticket purchased by someone who later found she would be out of town. Contact Carla Gwosden if you are interested.

The four remaining sessions will be at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday except for December, when it will be a week early.

Our topic is books related to the arts--painting, architecture, literature, and music. The book for October is the *Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown.

*Jeanne McDonnell*



## History Corner

I have a jewel of a leather-bound book, Mrs. Parson's Manual for Women's Meetings, published in Canada in 1918. It is 4" by 6" and has 90 pages. The author was "a lecturer, employed by the Ontario Government for the Women's Institutes…." Her job was to teach women "proper business methods" and to explain "elementary rules for the conduct of public meetings."

Her job gives insight into how important women's groups were to the good functioning of society, and our club was part of that boom in women's activism. I have a theory that women needed little books like this to build their confidence because they feared that they lacked something important. They had to wonder what they were deficient in to have been excluded from the ranks of voters or from participation in bodies of government. They also had been educated to believe that if you weren't docile you weren't a true woman, and therefore the manual advised them not to "fear to rise to a point of order" if they think that "the procedure of the Society is being violated…."

The history committee has found that the Woman's Club of Palo Alto has always since its beginning in 1893 operated carefully in the way Mrs. Parson describes.

*Jeanne McDonnell*

## History Committee

**Tuesday September 2, 7:30 p.m.**
Confirm with Joan Holland (326-3169.)

**RIC LOUCHARD** Composer and Pianist

Mr. Louchard has made four critically acclaimed recordings of classical piano solos for children on the Music for Little People/Warner Brothers label. Mr. Louchard is also an award-winning composer, with works ranging from film scores to the concert hall. Mr. Louchard has studied with such notable artists as harpsichordist Fernando Valenti, pianists Elaine Lust and Adolf Baller, and composers Allan Strange, R. Evan Copley, and Normand Lockwood.

**President's Letter**

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Schwartz, Jana Stevens, Emily Renzel, Karen Holman, Barbara Martin, Glista Guilford, and Wanda Cavanaugh) we have a great year ahead. The topics, listed in the Yearbook, range from live music to very modern information on hormone replacement therapy and historical information both local and romantic in the form of love letters.

The Yearbooks will be available at the September luncheon. The Luncheon chairs are ready to host more great meals and their committees have been assigned. Note that the label on your Yearbook indicates your month to serve. The names for upcoming months are in our Newsletter. If you are unable to help on your selected date, please switch with some else and be sure to let your chair know. Remember that we count on everybody to serve on a luncheon committee—it is the one requirement that you agree to when you join the Woman's Club.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the September luncheon. Be sure to give a thank you to Iris Korol and her luncheon committee and to everyone else who helps out.

*Again, Welcome Back*
*.Wanda*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**ALLYN, Betsy**
**BOXILL, Diane**
**DOTY, Eleanor**
**EDWARDS, JudyAnn**
**FLETCHER, Ancy**
**FRY, Karen**
**GALLAGHER, Mary**
**HARRINGTON, Margie**
**HOFFMAN, Josette**
**HOULIHAN, Mary**
**LEHRBERG, Cathie**
**LOGAN, Christine**
**MANLEY, Margo**
**MEREDITH, Joanne**
**MOORE, Nina**
**MURAKI, Kazumi**
**SANDERS, Pat**
**SCHMIDT, Margo**
**STARRETT, Pat**
**TURKINGTON, Connie**
**VRANOVA, Miriam**
**YOUNCE, Mika**

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**Lunch Assignments September 17, 2003**
Iris Korol, Chair 321.1087

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| Beverly Aarts | Bonnie McGregor |
| Suzanne Beaver | Anne Firth Murray |
| Joan Bruce | Sandra Pearson |
| Mildred Chackerian | Terry Rice |
| Arline Dehlinger | Ruth Soforenko |
| Sharon Erickson | Carolyn Tucher |
| Maritza Frankfurt | Caroline Willis |
| Pria Graves | Mary Houlihan |
| Carol Kiparsky | Cathie Lehrberg |
| Joan MacKenzie | Pat Sanders |

**Lunch Assignments October 15, 2003**
Annette Glanckopf-Aahton 321.1280
Nina Moore 207.0054

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| Jeanne Abbott | Janet Leigh |
| Betsy Bechtel | Adelaide Macovski |
| Angela Bumbera | Margaret McKee |
| Judy Chang | Gwyn Firth Murray |
| Diana Diamond | Nancy Peters |
| Elspeth Farmer | Susie Richardson |
| Hillary Freeman | Mary Carey Schaefer |
| Glista Guilford | Marilyn Sokol |
| Carol Hubenthal | Connie Turkington |
| Yoriko Kishimoto | Zorina B. Wolf |

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# The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

## October 2003 NewsLetter

President: Wanda Cavanaugh | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

### President's Message

The year is now officially underway. At our September meeting we had a chance to meet many of our new members, enjoy a great lunch — thanks to Iris Korol and her group — and to hear the wonderful piano music from Ric Louchard on our baby grand piano.

For those of you who missed the Yearbooks at the September luncheon, they will also be available at the October luncheon. Please be sure to notify me if you have additions or corrections to your entry. Thanks again to Julie Jerome for putting out the very useful telephone and email Directories.

As a Club, we have some wonderful activities besides the Luncheons that we hope you all will take the opportunity to participate in — they add to ways that you can make new friends and meet old ones. The next Tuesday Night Drop-In Social is October 14th at 5:00 — come and bring a friend or two.

It seems a shame to have to remind members again, but if you are unable to help on your selected Luncheon date, please switch with someone else — and be sure to let your chair know.

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Sarah French is again taking orders for One-Pound Gift Certificates for See's candy. Each certificate is $11.00 with $1.50 going to the Philanthropy Committee! Check out the ad elsewhere in the Newsletter.

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# Palo Alto History Museum

## Steve Steiger

## *Palo Alto History Museum Efforts*

HOSTED BY
NINA MOORE AND Annette Glanckopf

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See's Candy Sale

## Book Group

**Tuesday, October 28, 7:30 p.m.**

***The DaVinci Code by Dan Brown***

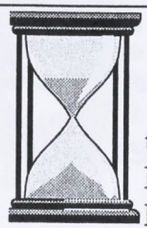
What surprised me about the book is that everyone I talked to who had read it, and a lot of people have, liked it. The topic has interested me for a long time, but I thought I was out of the mainstream on that. I was surprised when a friend told me that his thirteen-year-old daughter handed it to him and said, "Dad, this is a book I think you would like," and he did. Most of the people I talked to even agreed with me that the occasionally bumpy writing was worth overlooking.

Part of the book's premise is that the "Last Supper" by Leonardo DaVinci is one of numerous hidden references over many centuries to suppressed events of the beginnings of Christianity. When I looked at the painting on line, by golly, the person on Jesus' right hand looked like a woman, and there was a threatening-looking hand in front of her neck, and there was a shape of an M in the configuration of the persons in the center of the painting. And Mary Magdalene was prominent in the New Testament but always as a recovered whore, never described as the wife of Jesus who was supposed to have been celibate. The author puts in a wealth of detail about the cover-up over centuries, and wraps it up in the form of a murder mystery. Reading one more chapter kept me up late nights.

**Discussion leader, Carla Gwosden.**
**Refreshments, Sue Kemp.**

Each book in this series relates to one of the arts: *Brunelleschi's Dome*, November 25; B*alzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress*, December 16; and *Body and Soul*, January 27. New members welcome.

*Jeanne McDonnell*



## History Corner

Looking back at the year 2002-2003, the History Committee (Jeanne McDonnell, Carol Murden, Peggy McKee, and chair, Joan Holland) met a busy agenda of meetings and activities. We continued to plug away at our two long-range projects, transcribing the Minutes of the Woman's Club, including summaries of each year's highlights, and maintaining the Archives of the Woman's Club. We are very eager to have help with the transcribing and hope we can enlist some of you out there to help us complete the task. We compiled oral histories of some of our senior members, Joyce Voorhies, Ella Vandervoort, Boots Gould, Dorothy Arbuckle, Georgia Spears, and Irene Lawrence, a few years ago and plan to continue in this effort.

We continued to plug away at our three long-range projects: summaries of each year's highlights; producing the "History Corner" article for each month's Newsletter; the Archives.

Over the course of the year, we engaged in a number of special events. The first was to replicate our library display table for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Palo Alto Garden Club. This well-attended event took place in October, 2002. In December, the History Committee hosted its annual holiday excursion. Joan Jack led an intrepid group of about eight on a walking tour of Professorville, culminating in lunch at the Empire Tap Room. In March, 2003, the History Committee sponsored the Luncheon Program featuring a fascinating slide-lecture by Barbara Voss on the ongoing archeological research at the Juana Briones site in the Presidio. In the spring, the Committee visited Dorothy Arbuckle and enjoyed afternoon tea with her and her daughter. In August, about fif-

## History Committee

**Tuesday October 7, 7:30 p.m.**
Confirm with Jeanne McDonnell 321 5260

teen Woman's Club members visited the Juana Briones site and enjoyed a guided tour the five year project.

As we look ahead, we plan to continue with our long-range projects and are busy planning the winter activity and March Program that recognizes Women's History Month. After two years as our chair, Joan Holland is stepping down; Jeanne and Peggy will co-chair the History Committee. We are particularly delighted to announce an expansion in membership and welcome Lolly Osbourne to our ranks.

*Peggy McKee*

*President's letter continued*

I look forward to seeing everyone at the October luncheon. Be sure to give a thank you to Nina Moore and Annette Glankopf, the Luncheon Leaders, their committee and to everyone else who helps out. The October lunch topic is certainly pertinent to Palo Alto. Steve Steiger, Palo Alto's Historian, will speak to us about the Palo Alto History Museum efforts. The Woman's Club is an endorsing organization.

*Wanda*

## BE PHILANTHROPIC

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Save money, donate to philanthropy, and get Candy. What a deal!

Make your checks to Sarah French for $11.00 for each pound certificate you want and get them to Sarah

(144 Lois Lane, Palo Alto, CA 94303) by November 15.

*You will have your certificates in time for Thanksgiving.*

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Nina Moore 321-1280

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Betsy Bechtel
Angela Bumbera
Judy Chang
Diana Diamond
Elspeth Farmer
Hillary Freeman
Glista Guilford
Carol Hubenthal
Yoriko Kishimoto
Janet Leigh
Adelaide Macovski
Margaret McKee
Gwyn Firth Murray
Nancy Peters
Susie Richardson
Mary Carey Schaefer
Marilyn Sokol
Connie Turkington
Zorina B. Wolf

**Lunch Assignments November 19, 2003**

Karen Recht 328.0222

Betsy Allyn
Susan Benton
Carolyn Caddes
Barbara Chequer
Cathy Dolton
Connie Fasani
Susan Frreier
Carlota Gwosden
Leannah Hunt
Barbara Klein
Elizabeth Lillard-Bernal
Margo Manley
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Deborah Nichols
Sybil Pfluke
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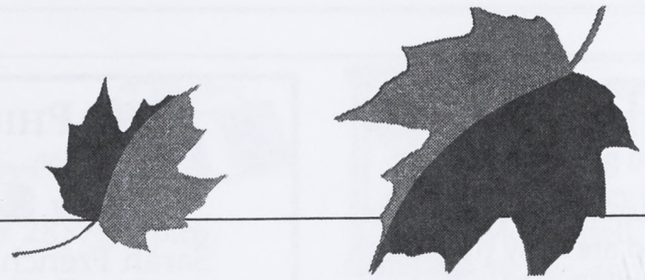
Lucile Spurlock
Joan Urquart
Gail Wooley



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## January 2004 Newsletter

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### President's Message

Hope your New Year is terrific. Thanks again to co-chairs Bunny Petersen and Pat Davis for a wonderful December dinner.

Mark your calendars for the March 14 Bunco Party. Last year everyone who attended had a ball. We want that number to grow. Remember to bring in a white elephant – they'll be our prizes. You can drop them off in the office.

Pat Davis is chair again and has a great committee starting. Let us know if you'd like to help – we can use it and it's a fun way to get involved.

There will be a potluck dinner, you'll learn to play the game quickly – last year's experts will help. Proceeds go to our Philanthropy Committee.

This month we will elect our Nominating Committee at the January 21st luncheon. In order to be on the Nominating Committee, you must be present at the January meeting. The Committee's nominations will be presented to the membership at the March meeting with elections to be held at the April meeting. You can find out these details, as well as other Club bylaws, in your Yearbook.

We're exploring the idea of a website for the Club to provide community information and to help with rentals. Let me know if you have any ideas or can help with design or hosting.

At our January luncheon we will have the pleasure of hearing Victoria Evanoff talk about The History of Roses. The luncheon host is Jana Stevens.

Remember that even though our membership is full, we hope you will bring your friends and encourage them to fill out an application so they can be on our waiting list. One of the best parts of the Woman's Club is the new and the renewed friendships.

Happy 2004,

*Wanda*

**January 21, 2004**

## *The History of Roses*

with Victoria Evanoff

*& Election of the Nominating Committee*

HOSTED BY JANA STEVENS

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Bunco Party Call for Help,
Philanthropy Call for nominations

## Book Group

**Tuesday, January 27, 7:30 p.m.**

***Body and Soul***

**by Frank Conroy**

This novel tells an amazing story about a child prodigy in music who would have been rescued by some government child services agency had they known about him. For example, his mother locked him in their New York City basement apartment all day while she went out to drive a taxicab. Fortunately, they had a piano and the boy's self-teaching finally led him to a father-like mentor who straightened out many facets of his life.

The miserably poor family plays off against a backdrop of enormously rich ones. A feature that gives the book depth is Conroy's mixing in considerable background on the lives of many of the characters. Very different people whose lives intertwine with the main character's make for good reading, and finding out that music is a lot more complicated than you thought gives the plot grandeur.

Discussion leader, Sue Kemp
Refreshments, Susan Kazul

***Spring session will be memoirs, on the fourth Tuesday.***

Feb. 24, *Leap of Faith: Memoirs of an Unexpected Life,* Queen Noor;

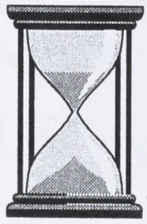
Mar. 23, *Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books,* Azar Nafisi;

Apr. 27, *Madame Secretary,* Madeleine Albright;

May 25, *Written by Herself, excerpts from memoirs,* editor Jill Ker Conway;

June 22, *Bound Feet in Western Dress* by Pang-Mei Natasha Chang

*Jeanne McDonnell*



## History Corner

I have been transcribing minutes from a handwritten book for 1948 through 1952. One noticeable difference from now is that women's first names are hardly ever used. It is 'President, Mrs. J. G. Marshall, Treasurer, Mrs. John F. Duckworth.'

At the first meeting of the 1950 club year, 23 women were named to be in charge of that many tasks, including such categories as Veterans Hospital Canteen Chairman, Civic and Community Contacts, Historian. Seven additional women were named as chairs of the Sections: Art, Book, Music, Bridge, Drama, Garden, and International Relations. The above did not include the Auditor, Mrs. Norwood Burch, the Custodian, Mrs. Francisco De Lemos, or board members. Their annual Style Show and Rummage Sale were both still being held when I joined forty years later.

They had two club meetings a month, one for business with programs provided by the Sections, and the second a social hour with a paid speaker or performer. They decided to have no maximum number of members, and their membership roster did not include the Junior Club, which is only occasionally mentioned in the minutes. They did resolve that the President of the Junior Club should be on the board. Another funny thing — you paid a nickel fine at the door if you forgot your membership card. It didn't say if this was a joke or not.

## History Committee

**Tuesday January 6, 7:30 p.m.**
Confirm with Jeanne McDonnell 321-5260

### New Rental Co-Chairs

Margaret Feuer (who has done the Club Rentals for a total of 7 1/2 years) is handing over the job to two talented and high-powered members: Elizabeth Moder-Stern and Jennifer Kleckner. May you (and we) prosper, ladies!

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**February 18, 2004, Evening Meeting**
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& Sarah FRENCH 329-9091

Linda BADER
Diane BOXILL
Barbara B. CARLITZ
Kay CULPEPPER
Eleanor DOTY
Nancy FIENE
Wynne FURTH
Kenna HELMS
Nancy KALKBRENNER
Judy KRAMER
Carolyn LONG
Barbara MARTIN
Elizabeth MODER-STERN
Lolly OSBORN
Lydia PUGLIESE
Shulamith RUBINFIEN
Carla SCHNEIDERMAN
Barbara STEPHENS
Virginia WARHEIT
Betsy YOUNG

## THE PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Each year, the Philanthropy Committee, using funds committed by the Woman's Club board, gives grants to five or more community organizations. We focus on social service agencies, education, libraries and programs that serve women and children.

Please submit the name of your favorite LOCAL (Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, East Menlo Park, Redwood City) social service agency, so that we may consider it when we do our research. It must be a 501(c)(3) organization. We would also appreciate your giving us your name so that we may call you to learn more about the agency. Any brochures, annual reports or newsletters from the agency will also be greatly appreciated.

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Agency name

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Your name

Additional favorite organizations: Must be 501 (c)(3), local and within our focus areas.

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Please leave this sheet on the table after the December dinner or mail to: Iris Korol at 1303 Dana, Palo Alto, CA 94301

*We look forward to your response.*

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, January 6** - History Committee at 7:30 pm at the clubhouse
For info: Jeanne McDonnell 321-5260

**Wednesday, January 7** - Board Meeting at 5:30 pm

**Tuesday, January 13** - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
*Bring a friend!!!* For info: Celiene O'Hara, 367-8122

**Tuesday, January 20** - Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Barbara Martin (408) 445-2674

**Wednesday, January 21 - Luncheon Meeting at 11:45**
The History of Roses, Victoria Evanoff and Election of the Nominating Committee

**Tuesday, January 27** - Book Group at 7:30 pm
Call Susan Kazul 565-9101

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# The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

## February 2004 Newsletter

President: Wanda Cavanaugh | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

### President's Message

Be sure to make this month more special by thinking about the importance of love and friendship, family and friends, and helping others. It may be a short month, but it's packed with meaning and potential.

Thanks again to Jana Stephens and her crew for a wonderful January luncheon.

Remember that our February meeting is a dinner hosted by Sarah French and Julie Jerome, our immediate past co-presidents. Dinner meetings are always very special at the Clubhouse. Wine will be available for a nominal fee.

Proceeds go to our Philanthropy Committee. Our speaker will be Al Jacobs, appropriately on Love Letters From History.

If you haven't already, mark your calendars for the March 14 BUNCO Party. Remember to bring a treasure to be used for prizes for our winners. You can drop them off in the office. Pat Davis and committee will be hosting. There will be a potluck dinner, you'll learn to play the game quickly – last year's experts will help. Proceeds go to our Philanthropy Committee.

We elected the Nominating Committee — Jennifer Kleckner, Ellie Heister, Carolyn Caddes, Connie Fasani and Sharon Small — at our February luncheon. They are beginning the process of developing the 2004-2005 slate of officers.

Remember that even though our membership is full, we hope you will bring your friends and encourage them to fill out an application so they can be on our waiting list. One of the best parts of the Woman's Club is the new and the renewed friendships.

Make the most of February,

*Wanda*

**January 21, 2004**

## *Love Letters from History*

with Al Jacobs

HOSTED BY JULIE JEROME AND SARAH FRENCH

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| **5:30** | **Member and guest sign-in, dinner** |
| **6:00** | **President's Welcome Program & Dessert** |
| **6:30** | **Adjourn** |

***Dinner is offered at $5.00 per person***

**Look Inside!**

History Corner, Book Club,
March Luncheon Duty Lists,
Bunco Party Invitation & RSVP

## Book Group

**Tuesday, February 24, 7:30 p.m.**

***Leap of Faith:***
***Memoirs of an Unexpected Life***
**by Queen Noor**

I knew nothing about Jordan, a country that shares part of a border with Israel. I now feel a bit enlightened. Queen Noor was the fourth and last wife of King Hussein. According to her, the marriage made them both better people. He was 42 and she 26 when they married, so she had more to learn than he did. Her father was Arab but she was born and brought up in the United States. As Queen she led an active life of commitment to positive causes.

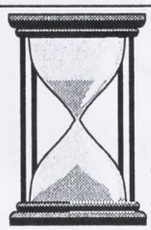
This book helped lessen my confusion about the Arab world. I admire Queen Noor, but she seemed to avoid dealing with the problem of oppression of women. I got the impression that Jordan offends less on that than many Arab countries, but her tone of advocacy made me wonder.

While I was reading this memoir, there was an article about Saudi Arabia in the New Yorker by a U.S. man who had been hired by a newspaper to help train young journalists. He tried unsuccessfully in the government-run press to get the reporters to write truthfully about the deaths of girls in a fire at a dilapidated, over-crowded girls school. The religious police prevented people from helping them get over a locked fence because the panicked children had dashed out without the requisite black garments to cover all but their eyes. He wrote of other similarly troubling laws and incidents.

Discussion leader, Ellie Heister.
Refreshments, Carla Gwosden

We are reading memoirs this spring. New members welcome. Meetings are on the fourth Tuesday. March: *Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books*, by Azar Nafisi; April: *Madame Secretary*, by Madeleine Albright; May: *Written by Herself*, excerpts from memoirs, editor Jill Ker Conway; June: *Bound Feet in Western Dress* by Pang-Mei Natasha Chang.

*Jeanne McDonnell*



## History Corner

On Monday, December 30, 2003, six intrepid members of the Woman's Club (Jeanne McDonnell, Gwen Barry, Carol Murden, Ellie Heister, Cathy Dolton, and Peggy McKee) drove to the Triton Museum of Art for the fifth annual History Committee winter activity. In this small jewel of a museum adjacent to Santa Clara Civic Center, we spent some time in the room devoted to artifacts of Indians of the Bay Area, the Southwest, and the Pacific Northwest. Much of this collection was donated by Mr. Warburton. The bulk of our time we spent enjoying a guided tour of the works of California artist Theodore Wores.

Theodore Wores (1859-1939) was a prolific painter of landscapes and portraits in both oil and water color. Wores is recently being re-discovered and touted, thanks to the gifts to the Triton and Cantor Museums by Doctors Ben and Jess Shenson. Biographical data on Wores acknowledge Frank Duveneck as one of the major artistic influences on his work. As a young man, Wores traveled to Munich where he studied under the German realists of the 1870's. In Europe, he met James Whistler who urged him to "pack his paints and his bicycle and go to Japan." Wores spent two productive periods in Japan (1885-1887, 1892-1894) during which time he immersed himself in the Japanese language and culture, was patronized by Meiji elites, and and painted some of his most beautiful works.

Wores was an inveterate traveler, visiting and painting in Italy, Spain, Hawaii, and Samoa, where he met Gaugin. He was fascinated by the works of Velazquez and called the Spanish artist "the greatest painter of them all." Wores returned to his California roots to serve as dean of the San Francisco Institute of Art. He spent the last twenty years of his life at his home in Saratoga painting "the orchards of the Santa Clara valley and the hills near Santa Clara." A

## History Committee

**Tuesday February 3, 7:30 p.m.**
Confirm with Jeanne McDonnell 321-5260

*(Histry Corner continued)*

visit to the Triton or Cantor Museums to see the works of Theodore Wores would be well worth the trip!

We wrapped up our outing with a delicious lunch at Mio Vicino and drove home in the rain.

*Peggy McKee*

**March 17, 2004, Luncheon Meeting**

Emily RENZEL 321.4165

Marti BAERG
Joan BRENNAN
Mary CARLSTEAD
Janet L. DAFOE
Maureen McCarthy DRAPER
Sue FLAKOLL
Mary GALLAGHER
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Isabel WATERS
Edith ZITELLI

**The WOMAN'S CLUB of Palo Alto**

**invites you to our second annual**

# BUNCO PARTY

**Sunday, March 14th at 5:00 p.m. in the Club house**

BUNCO - n. (bun'ko) a social dice game favored by small groups around the world. Generally consists of pure-luck dice rolling, food, drink, and chit-chat. The game is centered around three dice and usually three sets of four players averaging a standard group of 12. No real skill is required.

DETAILS - Your spouse, friends, and adult family members are invited to learn this easy and fun game (played since the 1850s). Please bring either an appetizer, salad or dessert, PLUS a wrapped white elephant which we will use for prizes. The Committee will provide delicious homemade soup. Soft drinks, water and wines will be offered at nominal charges.

DONATION - $10 a person. All the money earned will go into the Club's Philanthropy fund.

The Club house can accommodate seven groups of twelve — thus, the first 84 persons responding will be assured of a spot in the "gaming room".

Reservations: Please mail your checks to Pat Davis, 1861 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, 94301 by March 10th. Also indicate what you plan to bring: appetizer, salad or dessert for eight.

**Please return this form with your checks to Pat.**

**Name** _____ **Phone**_ _____

**Guest** _____ **Phone**_ _____

**Guest** _____ **Phone**_ _____

**We will bring** _____

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED**_____

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, February 3** - History Committee at 7:30 pm at the Clubhouse
For info: Peggy McKee, 327-3539

**Wednesday, February 4** - Board Meeting at 5:30 pm

**Tuesday, February 10** - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
*Bring a friend!!!* For info: Celiene O'Hara, 367-8122

**Tuesday, February 27** - Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Barbara Martin, (408) 445-2674

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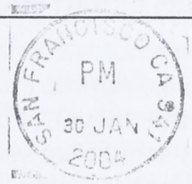


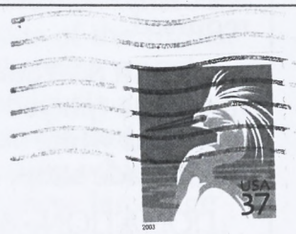


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## March 2004 Newsletter

President: Wanda Cavanaugh | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

### President's Message

Looks like Spring is just around the corner. This month we have our Bunco Party on March 14—be sure to attend and bring a friend, spouse, whoever. It's for fun, friendship, a chance to socialize and meet other members in a different setting and it supports our Club philanthropy activities. Look inside this Newsletter for more information.

Thanks again to Sarah French and Julie Jerome and their crew for a wonderful February evening dinner.

Our guest at the February dinner was Mary Ruth Dargas, President of the Loma Prieta District of which our Club is a member. The LPD 2004 Convention is April 16-17 at the new Hilton Hotel, 4949 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara. Our members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please let me know if you are interested in attending and I will pass on the details to you. Contact me at (650.851.0210) or wanda@windwardpr.com.

The Nominating committee has been hard at work and it looks like a strong 2004-2005 slate is coming together. The proposed new Board will be announced at the March 17 lunch, listed in the April Newsletter and voted on at the April 21st lunch.

Speaking of the March 17th lunch, how appropriate that this year it will be on St. Patrick's Day and again include our tradition of a feast of corned beef and cabbage, hosted by Emily Renzel and her crew. Our History Committee has a terrific presentation up their collective sleeves that you won't want to miss.

Remember that even though our membership is full, we hope you will bring your friends and encourage them to fill out an application so they can be on our waiting list. One of the best parts of the Woman's Club is the new and the renewed friendships.

May the road rise up to meet you,

*Wanda*

**March 17, 2004**
**Board Nominations and**
***Women's History Presentation***

*Presented by the History Committee*
*Guest Speaker - Barbara Babcock*

HOSTED BY EMILY RENZEL

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| **11:45** | **Member and guest sign-in, lunch** |
| **12:30** | **President's Welcome Program & Dessert** |
| **1:15** | **Adjourn** |

***Luncheon is offered at $5.00 per person***

**Look Inside!**

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Tall Tree Award, Investment Club Membership
BUNCO PARTY INVITATION!

## Book Group

**Tuesday,**
**March 23, 7:30 p.m.**

***Reading Lolita in Tehran:***
***A Memoir in Books***
**by Azar Nafisi**

I am writing this not having read the book. I am now number 5 of 28 on the waiting list at the library, so I got my information from a review on line by Mona Simpson.

This memoir is about women in a book group that is something like a class. The author invited seven women to discuss books with her. She had resigned from university teaching to protest being required to wear the veil.

*Reading Lolita* is divided into four sections based on books they read: *Lolita, The Great Gatsby, Daisy Miller,* and *Pride and Prejudice.* It might be fun for us to read them, with Nafisi as a guide. One stunning bit of information in the review is that it was legal for girls age nine in Iran to marry in the 1960s when the book takes place.

I was surprised when the reviewer compared this book to two "by our most talented essayists," one of whom is Kathleen Norris. Norris lived in Palo Alto and her beautiful home here was recently renovated. She was an honorary member of our club in the 1920s and was one of the best selling novelists of her time.

**Discussion leader, Sue Kemp.**
**Refreshments, Linda Anderson Page**

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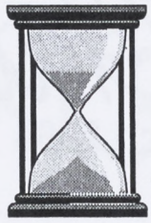

## History Corner

### Junior Club Contributions

On March 19,1889 sixty one independent woman's clubs throughout the United States met in New York City to form a permanent Confederation of Women's Clubs. The number of Women's Clubs grew to include every state and Alaska.

Club women were speaking for world peace and working on many local issues.

There were seldom organized groups for young women in those days. In order to give them an opportunity to join together in their own club, Mrs. J. A. Kimberly of Redding, California started the Contemporary Club for the daughters of members.

To everyone's surprise, 60 young women joined. They met on Saturdays to learn parliamentary law, how to conduct meetings, speak before a group and study world affairs.

The "Junior Plan" to establish Junior clubs around the country was adopted in 1922. By 1929, a total of 1,650 Junior clubs had been organized. It was decided that the formula for success was to give the girls an opportunity to decide what activities they wanted to do. All Junior clubs included community service.

The activities in the Junior clubs varied depending on their interests. In 1930 an Indian operetta "Mah-da-min" was presented by the Junior Club of the North Dakota Federation.

Other Junior activities included painting classes and hockey teams. Junior clubs were divided in two groups: Sub Juniors ages 14 to 17 and Juniors ages 17 to 24. At 24 Juniors would joined the adult club.

Juniors participated in conventions. In 1941 Juniors were given a representative on the

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## History Committee

**Tuesday March 2, 7:30 p.m.**
Confirm with Peggy McKee, 327-3539

## Woman's Club Members Win Tall Tree Awards

This year's Tall Tree Awards will be presented to three Woman's Club members: **Julie Jerome** for outstanding citizen, **Sandra Pearson** for outstanding professional, and Palo Alto Housing Corporation (**Marlene Prendergast** is executive director) for outstanding non-profit. All three are being honored on April 1 for their outstanding contibutions to our community. The event is sponsored by the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce and the Palo Alto Weekly. Call 324-3121 for more information.

## Members In Memorium

**Betsy Lester**

Betsy was a member of the Woman's Club since 2002. She had cancer and had fought through a double mastectomy in October, even attending the December dinner. She succumbed to additional cancers. She was a long time friend of many here.

**Pam Grady**

Pam Grady, 52, was the wife of City Manager Frank Benest and the mother of Noah, 10, and Leila Rose, 5. She died Feb. 19 at Stanford University Hospital of complications from pneumonia. She was active in many areas of the community and chaired the grounds part of our House & Grounds committee.

*(History Corner continued)*

National Board of Directors. They reported 203,836 volunteer hours and over 3,000 projects completed.

Daphne Lee Smith, GFWC Juniorettes Chairman for the GFWC, announced the theme for 1988-90, "Today's Juniorettes, tomorrow's Federation future." Today 94 Junior Clubs with 2,185 members are active in their communities.

*-Joan Holland*

**Luncheon speaker**

Barbara Babcock, Law Professor at Stanford, will talk on Clara Shortridge Foltz, the first woman to practice law in California.

## INVESTMENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP

We may soon have one or more openings in the Investment Club. If you are interested, you will have to buy out a member and then contribute $100 quarterly to invest. The Investment Club meets over dinner on the third Tuesday of the month. Regular attendance is highly desirable. Please contact Barbara Martin (barmartin3@yahoo.com) if you might be interested.

**April, 2004, Luncheon Meeting**

Ellie HEISTER 328.9602
Elena SMIRNOV 346.6078

Gwendolyn BARRY
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Carolyn REESE
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Christine SHAMBORA
Frances TITTERTON
Veva WHEATON

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Wednesday, March 3** - Board Meeting at 5:30 pm

**Tuesday, March 9** - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
*Bring a friend!!!* For info: Celiene O'Hara, 367-8122

**Tuesday, March 16** - Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Barbara Martin, (408) 445-2674

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# *Last Chance Invite To Come to Our*

Play with fast talkers, munch with big eaters, laugh with happy drinkers,
and shoot dice with high rollers.
**We will teach you the game.**

## Sunday, March 14th at 5:00 p.m. - at the Woman's Club

A $10 DONATION, a yummy pot luck dish, and a wrapped white elephant,
GETS YOU IN THE DOOR. Invite your family and friends.
The more the merrier. FUN evening guaranteed.
If you can't make it, a donation to our Philanthropy Fund would be appreciated.
Funds are awarded at the Club's June luncheon.
RSVP and/or donation ASAP! Time is drawing near.
We need and APPRECIATE your support. EVERYONE — A WINNER.

Reservations: Please mail your checks to Pat Davis, 1861 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, 94301
by March 12th. Indicate what you plan to bring: appetizer, salad or dessert for 8.

**Name**_____

**Guest**_____

**Guest**_____

**Foods we plan to bring**_____

**DONATION AMOUNT $$$**_____

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# The Tall Tree

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*The Palo Alto Historical Association, a non-profit organization, was established in its present form in 1948 as successor to an earlier organization founded in 1913. Its main objectives are:*

- *Collect, organize, and preserve materials pertaining to the history and heritage of Palo Alto.*
- *Spread information about Palo Alto's history by means of programs, displays, and publications.*
- *Recognize and preserve historic sites and structures.*

*The Palo Alto Historical Association Guy Miller Archives are stored at the Main Library, 1213 Newell Road.*

*Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month (except for August) at the Lucie Stern Community Center at 4 p.m. General meetings are held the first Sunday of each month (October–December, February–May) at the Lucie Stern Community Center at 2 p.m. The meeting includes a speaker (or speakers). The final general meeting of the year is in June and usually is a dinner followed by a speaker. The public is welcome at all meetings.*

## General Meeting

***Sunday, April 4, 2004***
***Time: 2 p.m.***

Lucie Stern Community Center
1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

Program free and open to the public
Coffee, tea, cookies

## *April Program:* "History of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto"

*Speakers: History Committee, Woman's Club, Palo Alto*

*Is it Woman's or Women's? The singular word was used by the Suffragettes in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, giving way to the plural in common usage today.*

Since 1894, the Woman's Club and the City of Palo Alto have grown, side by side. Both have passed their century mark! On Sunday, April 4, 2004, several members of the History Committee and of the Board will discuss the place of the Club in Palo Alto's history and development.

Participants include Peggy McKee, Jeanne McDonnell, Carol Murden, Joan Holland, Lolly Osborn, Emily Renzel, and the Club President, Wanda Cavanaugh.

*The Woman's Club, designed by architect Charles Hodges in the Craftsman style, was completed in 1916.*

CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS ISSUE:

Karen Holman, Ruth Lacey, Steve Staiger, and Tom Wyman

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### PROFESSOR C.D. "DADDY" MARX, A PALO ALTO PIONEER

***The Man Behind Municipal Ownership of Palo Alto's Utilities***

In today's fast-paced life, we seldom take time to appreciate the pioneers of early Palo Alto. One very special pioneer was Charles D. Marx (1857-1939), civil engineer and Stanford University professor. He left Cornell University to join Stanford's first faculty in the spring of 1891. A quiet, congenial, and eminently practical man, Marx quickly became a central figure in the development of Stanford's engineering program and an influential figure in university affairs. He became known as "Daddy" Marx to his students, reflecting their respect and esteem for him. As a Palo Alto resident, Marx spearheaded the growth and development of the town's municipal utilities system.

Professor Marx's involvement in the town's affairs began as soon as he and his wife Harriet moved into their new three-story home at 357 Kingsley Avenue in 1893. The house was relocated around the corner to 1136 Waverley Street in the 1930s, where it stands today bearing a centennial plaque awarded by Palo Alto Stanford Heritage in 1993.

Water was a first priority for the residents of early Palo Alto, and Marx along with other Stanford professors joined in maintaining a water well and tank house to meet their own needs and those of neighbors. Other residents bought water from a horse-drawn tank wagon that plied the streets and alleys of the small town.

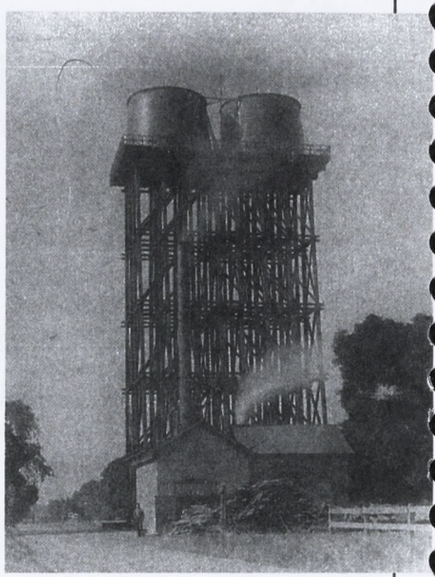
Within two years of the town's incorporation on April 2,1896, town residents passed by a margin of 211 to 18 a $40,000 bond measure to purchase the small privately-owned water wells and distribution systems, and to set up its own central water supply system. This marked the beginning of the City's municipally-owned utilities system. The first water rate structure reflected the rural nature of the community:

- Each house: $1.00 per month
- Each water closet: 40 cents per month
- Each horse and cow: 25 cents per month
- For water carelessly allowed to run overnight through a hose or faucet: $2.50 per night

Two years later, with strong community support, the town passed another $40,000 bond measure, this time to install a sewer system. This project was completed $12,000 under budget.

Beginning in late 1896, the privately-owned Peninsula Lighting Company of Redwood City, which later became Pacific Gas and Electric, began supplying electricity to Palo Alto. Residents soon began complaining about the power they were receiving from Peninsula Lighting, saying that in the early evening hours the company delivered only enough power to produce eight-candle power of illumination for each lamp rather than the 16 candle power called for in their contract.

After making a few calculations, Professor Marx and his associate, Professor C. B. Wing, pointed out that the 20 cents per kilowatt-hour that Peninsula Lighting was charging Palo Alto users was about twice what it would cost the town to supply its own power. Town engineer E.C. Moore estimated the cost of an electrical generating plant at $12,000, just the amount remaining from the sewer bond project. After 130 residents signed a petition for municipal power, arrangements were made to purchase a Corliss steam engine and work began on a generating plant near the Rinconada Park swimming pool at Embarcadero and Middlefield roads.



*Palo Alto water towers, circa 1900, near what is now Newell Road and Embarcadero. The steam-powered pumphouse is in the foreground.*

Peninsula Lighting mounted an unsuccessful campaign to thwart the upstart community from producing its own power saying, "Palo Alto will be the smallest town in the United States attempting to furnish its own electricity by steam.... It is perfectly clear that the town plant will be a burden on the town." On January 16, 1900, and consistent with the estimates made earlier, residents began receiving electrical power from dusk to midnight for 10 cents per kilowatt hour. Peninsula Lighting customers were advised, "No promises by a concern that has never before given good service and is now operating in the town only by sufferance should keep our people from patronizing the home system. It is the best of its kind in every respect and the rates will be moderate with the new plant in operation."

In 1896, Professor Marx was elected to the town's Board of Trustees, the city council of the day, and in 1908-09, he served as its president. Except for a short break from 1904 to 1908, he continued to serve the Palo Alto community until 1933 when he resigned at the age of 76 as chairman of the City's Board of Public Works.

Under Marx' leadership, the voters passed a $40,000 bond measure in 1917 that allowed the City to acquire the privately-owned Palo Alto Gas Company. With the dedica-

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# The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

## April 2004 Newsletter

President: Wanda Cavanaugh | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

### President's Message

Spring is a time of rejuvenation and new beginnings. Our new slate of officers will be voted on at the April luncheon. Please see the inside of the Newsletter for a list of nominations. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the meeting. With each Board election we look to keep experienced leaders and add new members to keep the Club vital through new perspectives.

Thanks again to Emily Renzel and her lunch crew for the wonderful meal at the March luncheon! It was a very interesting and active meeting. We all enjoyed guest speaker Barbara Babcock's talk on Clara Shortridge Foltz, the first woman to practice law in California and the originator of the role of public defender, now a legal institution.

After discussion, the membership voted to raise the annual dues to $75. You will see the exact motion, plus more budget and rental information and the new slate of officers for 2004-2005 inside.

The Bunco Party was a huge success thanks to the efforts of Pat Davis and her committee. Everyone pitched in, we had members, spouses and guests for great food and a fun evening, and we raised just over $1300 for our Philanthropy efforts.

Other things in the works for the Club are a repeat of last year's popular Tea Party and bridge at the Clubhouse. The Philanthropy Committee will host the Tea Party. For bridge, we are hoping for a monthly game, perhaps starting with a set of lessons to get us all on the same page. Stay tuned. The first sign up sheet was at the March meeting and there will also be sign up sheets at the April and May luncheons, do let us know if you're interested.

Looking ahead, our April 21 meeting will be hosted by Elena Siminov and Ellie Heister. The program features restaurateur Sophie Nicolas who will speak on Food and Romance.

Thanks again for everyone's support on behalf of the Club

*—Wanda*

**April 21, 2004**
**Board Elections and**
## *"Food and Romance"*
**Sophie Nicolas, Restaurateur and Chef**

HOSTED BY ELENA SIMINOV AND ELLIE HEISTER

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|---|---|
| **11:45** | **Member and guest sign-in, lunch** |
| **12:30** | **President's Welcome Program & Dessert** |
| **1:15** | **Adjourn** |

***Luncheon is offered at $5.00 per person***

**Look Inside!**

History Corner, Book Club, April Luncheon Duty Lists, Budget Information

## Book Group

Tuesday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.

***Madam Secretary,***
by Madeleine Albright
with Bill Woodward

I did not expect to like this memoir by our former Ambassador to the United Nations and Secretary of State. I suspect that her speechwriter and co author Woodward factored importantly in making it readable, interesting, even entertaining. Just to give you a taste of the style:

During the Carter Administration, she got the position of handling congressional relations for the National Security Council under its head, Zbigniew Brzezinski. He advised her not to look for a clear definition of what she was supposed to do because that would limit her idea of what she could do.

When Clinton appointed her the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, after she had been through three grueling days of travel, waiting, accepting, discussing with the new President, and making speeches, her phone rang in her Arkansas hotel room. It was the ambassador from Bangladesh congratulating her. She said "But it is one o'clock in the morning," he said, " I just want to make sure you never forget me.' I never have."?

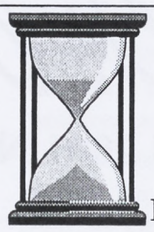
That kind of relating of incidents makes the book memorable. I apologize that I have no anecdotes from the time she was Secretary of State because I only managed to borrow the book late. Peggy McKee offered me her copy when I said I had been on the waiting list at the library for a month. So I have read to page 132 and trust that the book will only get better, since the best part of her life is yet to come for this reader.

***Discussion leader, Anne Saldich***
***Refreshments, Anne Ercolani***

We are reading memoirs this spring.
New members welcome.

May: *Written by Herself,* excerpts from memoirs, editor Jill Ker Conway; June: *Bound Feet in Western Dress* by Pang-Mei Natasha Chang.

*Jeanne McDonnell*



## History Corner

### CHARLES HODGES, ARCHITECT

In the early 1900s the Woman's Club of Palo Alto purchased, for $1,100.00, a lot on the corner of Homer and Cowper in preparation of the day when the club could afford to build its own clubhouse. By 1916 enough funds had been accumulated, and an architect was chosen for the project. The architect selected was Charles Edward Hodges (1866-1943), who lived in Palo Alto, had offices in San Francisco, and had been the resident architect at Stanford University from 1888 to 1906.

Charles Hodges was one of the earliest professional architects in Palo Alto. He was born in England, but came to the United States as a teenager. In 1888 he started work at Stanford as a draftsman under Charles Coolidge, the resident architect for Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge, the firm organized from the offices of the well-known architect Henry Richardson after Richardson's untimely death in 1886. When Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge resigned from the Stanford project in 1891, Charles Hodges took over as the university's resident architect. During the seventeen years he held this position Hodges oversaw the construction of the Quadrangle, Memorial Church, the Museum and other major campus buildings. Stanford's archives in the Green Library have some of the correspondence between Hodges and Jane Stanford discussing these projects. The architect also designed twelve private and three fraternity and sorority houses on the campus. He also designed buildings in Palo Alto including 803 Cowper (1901), diagonally across the street from the Woman's Club, and 469 Homer (1905), located next door to the Club.

After leaving Stanford in 1906 and opening an office in San Francisco, Hodges continued to design buildings in Palo Alto, one of which was the Woman's Club, built in 1916. The club chose their architect well. By using and adapting elements from residential architecture, Hodges ensured the clubhouse would blend into its residential setting and ye would not be mistaken for a house. He was also gen

## History Committee

**Tuesday April 6, 7:30 p.m.**
Confirm with Jeanne McDonnell 321-5260

## The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of officers for 2004-2005

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| President | Wanda Cavanaugh |
| First Vice President | Jana Stevens |
| Second Vice President | Margaret Feuer |
| Treasurer | Emily Renzel |
| Recording Secretary | Celiene O'Hara |
| Corresponding Secretary | Sharon Small |
| Finance | Julie Jerome |

**Directors for One Year:** Karen Holman, Ellie Heister, Carol Hubenthal, Jennifer Kleckner

**Directors for Two Years:** Iris Korol, Pat Davis Elizabeth Moder Stern

**Nominating Committee: 2003-2004**
Sharon Small, Jennifer Kleckner, Ellie Heister, Connie Fasani, Carolyn Cades

*History Corner continued)*

rous with his services, as were the builder F..W. Fox and attorney Norman Malcolm. By the time the club house was finished they had added roughly 2,000.00 in value beyond the contracted and paid rice of $5,300.00.

Sometime after the late teens Charles Hodges moved to the East Coast. He left behind a legacy of rchitecture. Eight of his buildings are listed on Palo Alto's Historic Inventory: 451-453 Channing, 369 Churchill, 340 Coleridge, 803 Cowper, 475 Homer, 251 Lincoln, 536 Lincoln, and 1146 Waverley.

*Carol Murden*

**April 21, 2004, Luncheon Meeting**
Ellie HEISTER 328.9602
Elena SMIRNOV 346.6078

Gwendolyn BARRY
Gloria BROWN
Betty CARPENTER
Darlene CASTRO-EASTERLING
Mary C. DAVEY
Ancy FLETCHER
Jean GEE
Joan HOLLAND
Sue KEMP
Delia LAITIN
Marsha LOWTHER
Jean K. McCOWN
Elkie MULLER
Pauline PARKER
Carolyn REESE
Anne SALDICH
Christine SHAMBORA
Frances TITTERTON
Veva WHEATON

## Motion to Raise Woman's Club Dues Passes

The following motion was made, seconded and passed: To raise the annual dues from $50 to $75 beginning with the 2004-2005 year with the instruction to the Board to establish a fund to help those for whom the dues increase works a hardship.

*Wanda*

| | Actual '03 | Projected '04 | Projected '04 W/ increase |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Income** | | | |
| Carryover excess prior year | $5,435 | $4,492 | $4,492 |
| Donations | 235 | 0 | 0 |
| Fundraising *(net of expenses)* | 1,460 | 2,632 | 2,632 |
| Interest | 1,019 | 838 | 838 |
| Luncheons | 3,414 | 2,867 | 2,867 |
| Membership | 9,700 | 10,500 | 15,500 |
| Rent | 38,785 | 22,388 | 22,388 |
| Refundable deposit | 12,740 | 6,725 | 6,725 |
| Other income | 25 | 170 | 170 |
| **Total** | **72,813** | **50,612** | **55,612** |
| **Expenses** | | | |
| Ads | 975 | 40 | 40 |
| Bank Fee | 118 | 120 | 120 |
| Building fund | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Convention/Federation | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dues | 3,038 | 3,050 | 3,050 |
| Fees/permits | 145 | 200 | 200 |
| Gardener | 1,141 | 600 | 600 |
| History committee | 0 | 25 | 25 |
| House & Grounds | 13,773 | 5,439 | 5,439 |
| House Maintenance | 2,641 | 5,699 | 5,699 |
| Household supplies | 1,033 | 567 | 567 |
| Insurance | 2,419 | 2,217 | 2,217 |
| Janitorial | 5,420 | 5,726 | 5,726 |
| Luncheons/socials | 1,183 | 1,061 | 1,061 |
| Membership expenses | 208 | 20 | 20 |
| Miscellaneous | 114 | 300 | 300 |
| Newsletter/yearbook | 3,421 | 1,724 | 1,724 |
| Office expenses postage | 323 | 1,439 | 1,439 |
| Philanthropy | 7,540 | 7,368 | 7,368 |
| Fund raising proceeds | 1,460 | 2,632 | 2,632 |
| Professional accountant | 1,440 | 1,440 | 1,440 |
| RE taxes | 2,080 | 2,233 | 2,233 |
| Refunds | 12,740 | 6,725 | 6,725 |
| Telephone | 1,491 | 972 | 972 |
| Utilities | 4,418 | 4,304 | 4,304 |
| President's Fund | | 200 | 200 |
| **Total** | **$68,321** | **$55,301** | **$55,301** |
| **Excess/Deficit** | **4,492** | **-4,689** | **311** |

The actual income and expense figures from FY 2003 are shown for comparison purposes As you can see, this year, without the dues increase, we will run a deficit, primarily because rental income is very far below expectations. Where discretion allowed, spending has been very conservative. The approved dues increase, shown in the column on the right, will bring income and expenses into balance. Emily (Treasurer) and/or Julie (Finance Chair) can answer further questions.

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, April 6** - History Committee at 7:30 pm at the Clubhouse
For info: Peggy McKee, 327-3539

**Wednesday, April 7** - Board Meeting at 5:30 pm

**Tuesday, April 13** - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
*Bring a friend!!!* For info: Celiene O'Hara, 367-8122

**Tuesday, April 20** - Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Carol Martin, (408) 269-3046 carmartin@rocketmail.com

**Wednesday, April 21 - Dinner Meeting at 5:30**
*Sophie Nicolas, Restaurateur and Chef, Food and Romance and Board Elections*

**Tuesday, April 27** - Book Group at 7:30 pm
Call Susan Kazul, 565-9101

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# The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

## May 2004 Newsletter

President: Wanda Cavanaugh | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

### President's Message

May means the next to last meeting before summer break--and the last meeting with some of our wonderful Board members. Please join me in thanking Ella Vandervoort, Enid Pearson and Connie Fasani for their years of service on the Board. I personally have grown immensely from being able to work with such outstanding women. Luckily, they will still be around and we will be able to tap into their wisdom and enthusiasm going forward. Meanwhile, we also look ahead to our incoming Board and new members as we prepare for the Woman's Club circa 2004-2005. The new Board will be installed at the May luncheon

Thanks again to Elena Siminov and Ellie Heister and their lunch crew for the wonderful meal at the April luncheon! We all enjoyed guest speaker Sophie Nicolas's lively talk on food and romance. Our May meeting will feature Esther Hewlett speaking about International Women's Issues and will be hosted by Jennifer Kleckner.

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual High Tea in the Garden, to be held Thursday, June 3rd at 3:00. We're excited that it's becoming a tradition. Be sure to invite your mothers, daughters 12 and over, grandmothers, and friends. Again this year it will support our Philanthropy efforts. Cost is $35 per person ($25 tax deductible). More information is elsewhere in the Newletter.

We are still planning Bridge at the Clubhouse. We had sign up sheets at the March and April meetings and there will also be sign up sheet at the May luncheon. Do let us know if you are interested. We'll start organizing over the summer break.

Be thinking about where you would like to participate next year. At our June lunch there will be sign-ups for the various committees that make the Club run. These include House & Grounds, Philanthropy, Programs, Tuesday Evening Socials, Luncheons, and Events.

The Philanthropy committee has chosen the recip-

**May 19, 2004**
**Board Installation and**
## *International Woman's Issues*
**Esther Hewlett**

HOSTED BY JENNIFER KLECKNER

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|---|---|
| **11:45** | **Member and guest sign-in, lunch** |
| **12:30** | **President's Welcome Program & Dessert** |
| **1:15** | **Adjourn** |

***Luncheon is offered at $5.00 per person***

**Look Inside!**

History Corner, Book Club,
May Luncheon Duty Lists,
Afternoon Tea, New Members

# Book Group

## Book Group

**Tuesday, May 25, 7:30 p.m.**

***Written by Herself***
**edited by Jill Ker Conway**

The rest of the title is Autobiographies of American Women: An Anthology. I so loved Conway's The Road from Coorain that I would read anything with her name on it.

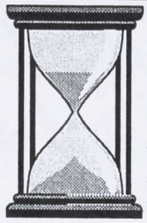
I thought I'd skip a few of the 25 selections, but they were so inspiring I read the whole book. It has four categories of excerpts: black women, scientists and physicians, arts and letters, and pioneers and reformers. The earliest date of birth is 1813 and the latest 1940.

One I liked was "Fighting for Life" by S. Josephine Baker (1873 1945). She got an education as a doctor when few women managed to and even fewer got jobs or patients. She managed to get hired by New York City. In poor districts, people assumed that most infants born in summer would die, and that children were naturally sickly. Baker sent nurses to one tenement district to teach mothers that children needed to play outside in the fresh air and other such revolutionary ideas. The death rate lowered dramatically. When she was made head of a city department, six male doctors resigned because they said they couldn't work for a woman. She asked them to give it a month's trial, and they stayed.

Discussion leaders:
"My Story Ends with Freedom, " Ellie Heister;
"Research is a Passion with Me, " Anne Saldich;
"Arts and Letters," open;
"Pioneers and Reformers, "Susan Kazul.
Refreshments, open.

On June 22, last meeting of this session, we will discuss *Bound Feet in Western Dress* by Pang-Mei Natasha Chang. New members welcome.

*Jeanne McDonnell*



# History Corner

In celebration of Women's History Month, the History Committee invited Professor Barbara Babcock, Judge John Crown Professor of Law at the Stanford Law School to be the featured speaker at the lunch meeting on March 17. Recipient of many awards recognizing her teaching and professional achievements, and author of many articles, Professor Babcock chose as her topic, Clara Shortridge Foltz, the first woman to practice law on the Pacific Coast.

Clara Shortridge Foltz was a multifaceted, ebullient feminist who defended poor people, old people and women at a time when few other lawyers would do so. In a long and fascinating life that began during the presidency of Zachary Taylor and ended during that of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Mrs. Foltz practiced law in San José, San Francisco, San Diego, New York City, Denver, and Los Angeles. In addition, she was an author, publisher, activist, populist, and suffragist. A spell-binding speaker who could rivet her audiences, if not always the judge himself, Mrs. Foltz was often the only woman in the court, this being a time before women could serve on juries. Among her significant achievements was her invention of, and advocacy for, the position of public defender.

Professor Babcock related a vivid anecdote about a case that illustrated Mrs. Foltz's commitment to preserving dignity and autonomy for the poor and the old. In Elmira Stark v. the Lady Managers of the Crocker Home, Mrs. Foltz argued to prevent the Lady Managers from ejecting the penniless and destitute widow, Mrs. Stark. "Cast me not off in the times of my old age," a quotation from the Book of Psalms, formed the motto of the Crocker Home, and Mrs. Foltz used it to form a moral and legal base for Mrs. Stark's case. With wit, energy, humor, and sarcasm, Mrs. Foltz accused the Lady Managers and their attorney, the dapper society attorney, Charles F. Hanlon, of "casting" poor Mrs. Stark "off in the times of her old age."

Although the Judge found for the Lady Managers he complimented Mrs. Foltz on her brilliant argu-

## History Committee

**No History Committee Meeting in May or June**

## 2nd ANNUAL HIGH TEA (plus) In The Garden

A fundraiser for the WOMAN'S CLUB of Palo Alto

**Date: Thursday, June 3rd**

**Time: 3 P.M.**

**Place: Hyatt Hotel Rose Garden**
**4219 El Camino Real, Palo Alto**

*Price: $35.*

Invite: Mothers, Daughters, Grandmothers, Friends
Reservations limited

See you in the garden!!!!!!!!!!!!

Please mail check to Iris Korol: 1303 Dana, Palo Alto, 94301. $25. of your contribution is tax deductible.

Name: _____Number of tickets: _____

*(President's message continued)*

ient for this year's giving program and we will honor the recipients at our June meeting. Thanks so much to Iris Korol and her committee for their hard work and diligence. As many of you know, as a 501 (C) 3, we are a charitable organization through the California Federation of Woman's Clubs, making philanthropic giving a key part of our charter.

*Looking forward to seeing you in May, Wanda*

*Wanda Cavanaugh*

**May 19, 2004, Luncheon Meeting**
Jennifer Kleckner 321-1315

Ellen BARTON
Elizabeth BROWNE
Nancy CASSIDY
Jean DAWES
Judy Ann EDWARDS
Barbara FOSTER
Helen Gracon
Karen HOLMAN
Chris KENRICK
Linda LARSON
Nancy LYTLE
Mary C. McCULLOUGH
Kazumi MURAKI
Janet PEACOCK
Marcia REHMUS
Paula SANDAS
Sharon SMALL
Kathy TORGERSEN
Lanie WHEELER

*(History Corner continued)*

ment on her client's behalf. The case produced an outcry and publicity that were covered daily by San Francisco's twenty-one newspapers. In the aftermath, not only was Elmira rescued by an old mining partner of Mr. Stark, but Mrs. Foltz was able to pursue her goal of creating the office of Public Defender.

*Peggy McKee*

**Kathie McGinn,** 259 Coleridge Ave, P.A. 94301, tel: 324-9901. Kathie, who hails from Boise, Idaho, has lived in P.A. since 1985. Kathie has been a Career Counselor and Volunteer Coordinator at Paly, PTA President at Nixon and Paly and served as well on the Executive Boards of PAFE and the PTA Palo Alto Council. She is "energized" by spontaneous activity, fun with family and friends, collaboration among colleagues, and kids of all ages!

**Dianne MacDaniels,** 2500 Ross Rd., P.A. 94303, tel: 325-9768. Dianne has worked in Advertising, Financial Services, and Stanford Univ. Housing & Dining Services. She has volunteered with PAST Heritage. Dianne enjoys gardening, civic affairs, teaching "some manners" to her 100 pound German shepherd, and has a love-hate relationship with Martha Stewart.

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, May 5** - Board Meeting at 5:30 pm

**Tuesday, May 11** - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
*Bring a friend!!!* For info: Celiene O'Hara, 367-8122

**Tuesday, May 18** - Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Carol Martin, (408) 269-3046 carmartin@rocketmail.com

**Wednesday, May 19 - Lunch Meeting at 11:45**
*Esther Hewlett, International Woman's Issues, Board Installation*
*Hosted by Jennifer Kleckner*

**Tuesday, May 26** - Book Group at 7:30 pm
Call Susan Kazul, 565-9101

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# The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

## Minutes

June 2004 – May 2005
(No Minutes for June and October 2004)
(No December 2004 meeting)

President
Wanda Cavanaugh

Secretary
Celiene O'Hara
Ellie Heister
Louise Beattie

# Agenda
# Women's Club Board
# June 2, 2004

**Welcome – Wanda Cavanaugh**
Special welcome to old friends and **new Board Members**: Pat Davis, Elizabeth Moder-Stern, Celiene O'Hara

**Call to Order**

**Minutes – Sharon Small/Celiene O'Hara**

**Treasurer's Report – Emily Renzel**

**2004-2005 Budget Approval—Julie Jerome**

**Rentals—Jennifer Kleckner or Elizabeth Moder-Stern**

**Membership – Margaret Feuer**

**Philanthropy – Iris Korol**
High Tea in the Garden—cancellation—see also below under New/other Business
Plans for June luncheon grant awards

**House and Grounds – Jana Stevens**

**Sunshine – Sharon Small**

**New/other business:**
--Board and Chair Retreat
--Summer Activities: Chairs needed

1. Program Committee
2. Finance Committee
3. Events Committee
4. House Preservation Fundraising Committee
5. Bridge at the Clubhouse
6. Luncheons set up

--Club purpose/support for activities:
May 24 email.
Dear Wanda,
It saddens me to learn that the TEA was not well subscribed to and has been canceled. This is the very point that I talked about at my first Board meeting. There is a lack of support for activities and we should seriously delve into the reasons.
Many of my friends have said that they "are giving" the Woman's Club "one more year" to get its' act together.

We can talk when John and I return from France. It worries me and I hope that the Board can seriously begin to solve the puzzle.

[redacted]

Pat and Wanda, Chris Logan and I were talking about this after the last luncheon where we had such an excellent speaker (Esther Hewlett on International Woman's Issues). Chris and I have been a bit disappointed by some of the luncheon speakers, but this speaker was not only good, she dealt with women's issues (it felt like this presentation "belonged at Woman's Club" and afterwards several people told me they "wished they had invited their daughters"). Chris and I talked about how the Woman's Club "could be"--with a renewed focus on the more "modern woman" who still loves an occasional tea party but thrives on women's leadership information and empowerment skills and global reach to other women. Even our philanthrophy efforts could be more focused on specific areas which foster women's growth (at all ages!) and that might inspire us to contribute and participate more. We have a wonderful historic building but don't really "have our hearts" into managing it, promoting it (including giving it an update in looks). We should add financial empowerment and leadership to our own approach to this wonderful property. Perhaps the Board could focus on our mission and "vision for the future" and think about adding this "learning and growth" feature to our goals of enjoying each other and having fun with the idea of refurbishing the building to make it more "education friendly". Just some ideas. Good luck; at least you have some great leadership on your Board--both of you included! Thanks for giving your time and energy to the rest of us at Woman's Club.

Jeanne Althouse
1801 Middlefield Road
Palo Alto, CA 94301

**Next Meeting: September 1 or 8, 2004 5:30 PM (Board decision, Luncheon is 15th)**

| | 2003-2004 Budget | 2003-2004 Projected | 2004-2005 Budget | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Receipts** | | | | |
| Carryover excess prior year | 4492 | 4492 | 10,119 | * |
| Donations | 225 | 0 | 0 | |
| Fundraising | 1200 | 2548 | 2500 | |
| Interest | 900 | 843 | 900 | |
| Luncheons | 3500 | 2889 | 3000 | |
| Membership | 10500 | 15975 | 15900 | |
| Rent | 40125 | 29776 | 30800 | * |
| Refundable deposit | 12400 | 8951 | 9200 | * |
| Other income | 0 | 170 | 0 | |
| **Total** | 73,342 | 65,644 | 72,419 | |
| **Expenses** | | | | |
| Ads | 0 | 1540 | 1500 | |
| Bank Fee | 120 | 120 | 120 | |
| Building fund | 1200 | 1200 | 1200 | * |
| Convention/Federation | 0 | 50 | 100 | |
| Dues | 3050 | 2102 | 2500 | |
| Fees/permits | 200 | 147 | 200 | |
| Gardener | 2400 | 1090 | 1200 | |
| History committee | 0 | 60 | 50 | |
| House & Grounds | 16600 | 4325 | | * |
| House Maintenance | 5000 | 4331 | 5000 | |
| Household supplies | 1200 | 485 | 1000 | |
| Insurance | 2500 | 2217 | 2500 | |
| Janitorial | 5600 | 5110 | 5000 | |
| Luncheons/socials | 2400 | 998 | 1000 | |
| Membership expenses | 100 | 15 | 50 | |
| Miscellaneous | 100 | 300 | 300 | |
| Newsletter/yearbook | 3000 | 1844 | 2000 | |
| Office expenses/postage | 325 | 1544 | 1800 | |
| Philanthropy | 10000 | 10000 | 5000 | * |
| Professional accountant | 1440 | 1440 | 1440 | |
| RE taxes | 2135 | 2233 | 2300 | |
| Refunds | 12400 | 8951 | 9200 | * |
| Telephone | 1600 | 917 | 1000 | |
| Utilities | 4500 | 4306 | 4500 | |
| President's Fund | 200 | 200 | 200 | |
| **Total** | 76,070 | 55,525 | 49,160 | |
| **Excess Rects/Expenses** | -2,728 | 10,119 | 23,259 | |
| **Carryover to next year** | | 10,119 | | |

* = particular areas to discuss or that may change

P.A. Woman's Club Board
June 2, 2004
Membership

15 members have not paid dues. These members have received two dues letters, one email, and one phone call. The memberships of these women have officially terminated as of May 31st but I'll give them a gratis period until June 9th.

**8 members have resigned** since May 5:(total of 11 this year + 3 deaths)
Since May 5: Betty Carpenter, Maureen Draper, Elspeth Farmer, Nancy Peters, Dena Mossar, Julie Caporgno, Mary Burt Blume, & Mary Gallagher.
All the members who resigned cited conflicting commitments which prevent them from attending Club activities. Noone mentioned dues increase.

To replace these 8 members, I would like the Board to approve for immediate membership the following **8 women** leaving **20 women** onthe waiting list.

**Nina Price,** 3405 Waverly, 493-0354 who was nominated by Elena Smirnov and Celiene O'Hara. Nina is a lifecoach and massage therapist. She has volunteered as an Employment Coach at her Church and was Treasurer at KFJC Radio. Nina's interests are music, alternative health, and technology.

**Rezvan Moghaddam,** 1919 Alameda, San Mateo, 565-8485 was nominated by Annette Glanckopf and Mika Younce. Rezvan is Executive Director of the Peninsula Stroke Association. She has volunteered as a Campeign Advisor and member of the Community Impact Fund of the United Way Agency.

**Hedy McAdams**, 1440 Bryant , 325-3371 was nominated by Bobbi Fox and Barbara Foster. Hedy has a sole proprietor legal practice as a divorce mediator and had a graphic design business before law school. She is a member of the Mediation Society of the San Francisco Association for Conflict Resolution. Her interests are line dance teaching and choreography.

**Rosalynn(Lynn) Frank**, 501 Forest, 473-0920 was nominated by Emily Renzel and Elena Smimov. Lynn is a homemaker who formerly practiced law and journalism. She volunteers in soup Kitchens,at cCommunity Center Book Sales and was a member of Alpha Sigma Nu and the Bar and Gavel Service Honor Societies. Her interests are exchange Student Programs, cross-cultural communications, history, and books.

**Valerie Hamilton**, 4670 Hamilton , Santa Clara, 408 970-8444. Valerie is an Adult Ed teacher and a Real Estate Broker. She has volunteered at Allied Arts and as a real estate teacher in Palo Alto Adult Ed. Valerie is a DAR Regent, a member of the P.A. Gamma Club and Club Pres. of the Colonial Dames of America. Her interests are bridge, golf, history, genealogy, and the stock market.

**Millicent Higgins, M.D.**, 252 Indian River Place, Ann Arbor, MI, 734 761-9608 was nominated by Emily Renzel and Margaret Feuer. Millicent is a Professor Emeritus of the U. of Michigan and was a member of the U.S. Senior Executive Service as well as Pres. of the Investment Club and Membership Chair of the Faculty Womens Club. Her interests are reading , english and french literature, gardening walking, and listening to music. (Millicent lives part of the year in Menlo Park.)

6.2.04

**Carol Friedman**, 465 Lowell, 327-1656 was nominated by Leannah Hunt and Peggy McKee. Carol is Director of the Annual Fund at Castilleha School. She volunteered at the Gamble Garden, was the CAR Author's Luncheon founder, a member of Friends of Music at Stanford, and of the Junior League. Her interests are gardening, hiking, tennis, and golf.

**Mary Law,** 747 Tennyson Ave, 325-8834 who was nominated by Mary Carlstead and Elizabeth Browne. Mary has retired after 30 years of teaching. She has volunteered with Junior League and Church committees. Her interests are tennis , golf, lawn bowling, cards/bridge, gardening, traveling, and reading.

Since we may have more resignations both now and throughout the year, I would like the Board to approve the following **10 women for future membership** as well:

**Harriet Berner,** 1408 Edgewood , 328-3971 was sponsored by Bobbi Fox and Bobbi Chequer. Harriet is retired from real estate management and has worked in advertising and as a school teacher. She has volunteered at the Stanford Health Library and enjoys golf, reading, and exercise.

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**Carolyn Schwartz**, 145 Walter Hays, 325-5567 was sponsored by Bunny Peterson and Jean Gee. Carolyn is an Investor Relations Consultant. She was Managing Director of Investor Relations at Applied Materials and volunteered with the PTA, Girl Scouts, AYSO, and Environmental Volunteers. Her interests are nature walks, travel, singing, and reading.

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Helene S. Wheeler
362 Diablo Court
Palo Alto, CA 94306

Woman's Club of Palo Alto
475 Homer Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301
Attn: Board of Directors

Dear Members of the Board:

Per your request, I have recently concluded my examination of the accounting records of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto for the fiscal year June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004. In conducting my review, I selected at random the months of August 2003 and April 2004 and examined the records pertaining to bank deposits and bill payments; the general ledger transactions for those months; the reports prepared by Mr. Kawaguchi each month; and the reconciliation of the Club's operating checking account.

I particularly looked for appropriate backup for each of the checks written as well as for deposits made. Such information was clearly and readily available. Income appears to be appropriately categorized. There was one item that was of some concern. The Treasurer provided me with Net Worth reports that are produced by Quickbooks. Since the contents of these reports are simply a listing of the balances in each of the Club's bank accounts, one would expect them to reconcile with the balances shown in the general ledger. However, that is not the case. Most accounts are just a few dollars off; the operating checking account, however, is approximately $2,000 off, the exact amount depending on the month. Since I was only looking at two points in time, I was unable to determine where and when this error initially occurred. The Board might want to ask the Treasurer to attempt to locate the original error. On the other hand, as long as the Board relies on the reconciled bank statements for its information about the Club's financial status, I'm not sure how much effort you wish to expend in attempting to correct the Net Worth Report.

Based on my review, I have no recommendations for change.

Lanie Wheeler

P.A. Woman's Club Board - Membership
June 2, 2004

15 members have not paid dues. These members have received two dues letters, one email, and one phone call. The memberships of these women have officially terminated as of May 31st but I'll give them a gratis period until June 9th.

**8 members have resigned** since May 5:(total of 11 this year + 3 deaths)
Since May 5: Betty Carpenter, Maureen Draper, Elspeth Farmer, Nancy Peters, Dena Mossar, Julie Caporgno, Mary Burt Blume, & Mary Gallagher.
All the members who resigned cited conflicting commitments which prevent them from attending Club activities. Noone mentioned dues increase.

To replace these 8 members, I would like the Board to approve for immediate membership the following **8 women** leaving **20 women** onthe waiting list.

**Nina Price,** 3405 Waverly, 493-0354 who was nominated by Elena Smirnov and Celiene O'Hara. Nina is a lifecoach and massage therapist. She has volunteered as an Employment Coach at her Church and was Treasurer at KFJC Radio. Nina's interests are music, alternative health, and technology.

**Rezvan Moghaddam,** 1919 Alameda, San Mateo, 565-8485 was nominated by Annette Glanckopf and Mika Younce. Rezvan is Executive Director of the Peninsula Stroke Association. She has volunteered as a Campeign Advisor and member of the Community Impact Fund of the United Way Agency.

**Hedy McAdams**, 1440 Bryant , 325-3371 was nominated by Bobbi Fox and Barbara Foster. Hedy has a sole proprietor legal practice as a divorce mediator and had a graphic design business before law school. She is a member of the Mediation Society of the San Francisco Association for Conflict Resolution. Her interests are line dance teaching and choreography.

**Rosalynn(Lynn) Frank**, 501 Forest, 473-0920 was nominated by Emily Renzel and Elena Smirnov. Lynn is a homemaker who formerly practiced law and journalism. She volunteers in soup Kitchens,at cCommunity Center Book Sales and was a member of Alpha Sigma Nu and the Bar and Gavel Service Honor Societies. Her interests are exchange Student Programs, cross-cultural communications, history, and books.

**Valerie Hamilton**, 4670 Hamilton , Santa Clara, 408 970-8444. Valerie is an Adult Ed teacher and a Real Estate Broker. She has volunteered at Allied Arts and as a real estate teacher in Palo Alto Adult Ed. Valerie is a DAR Regent, a member of the P.A. Gamma Club and Club Pres. of the Colonial Dames of America. Her interests are bridge, golf, history, genealogy, and the stock market.

**Millicent Higgins, M.D.**, 252 Indian River Place, Ann Arbor, MI, 734 761-9608 was nominated by Emily Renzel and Margaret Feuer. Millicent is a Professor Emeritus of the U. of Michigan and was a member of the U.S. Senior Executive Service as well as Pres. of the Investment Club and Membership Chair of the Faculty Womens Club. Her interests are reading , english and french literature, gardening walking, and listening to music. (Millicent lives part of the year in Menlo Park.)

**Carol Friedman**, 465 Lowell, 327-1656 was nominated by Leannah Hunt and Peggy McKee. Carol is Director of the Annual Fund at Castilleha School. She volunteered at the Gamble Garden, was the CAR Author's Luncheon founder, a member of Friends of Music at Stanford, and of the Junior League. Her interests are gardening, hiking, tennis, and golf.

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# New Member Luncheon - Sept. 7, 2004

Dear Board Members,

All board members except Karen Holman and Carol Hubenthal will be present on Tuesday, September 7th from 12 to 1:30 for the New Members Luncheon. The response from new members has been good so far.

Here is the plan and assignments:

We gather at the window end of the Ballroom where there is a table with wine served and a table with name tags.

Margaret Feuer is the M.C.

Wanda Cavanaugh welcomes the new members.

Elizabeth Moder-Stern will give a short talk on Rentals and then Jennifer Kleckner and Elizabeth will break the new members into two groups and give a short tour of the building.

Board and new members help themselves to lunch in the Fireside Room and seat themselves at tables at the stage end of the Ballroom.

While members eat, various Board members will give short talks to all about different aspects of Club life:
**Jeanne McDonnell** - a history of the Club; The History Committee
Julie Jerome - Finances, ie, what floats the boat
Jana Stevens - House and Grounds
Iris Korol - Philantrophy
Emily Renzel - Book Club and Investment Club
Ellie Heister - The Social Hour

Wanda will thank everyone, mention the Newsletter and the Yearbook, and bid adieu.

Celiene O'Hara, Ellie Heister, and Pat Davis are in charge of wine and lunch; Celiene is the contact person.

Jennifer Kleckner, Sharon Small, and Margaret Feuer will do table set up and flowers(from anyone's gardens.)

I hope this covers everything. If there are any comments please email me at portulaca@earthlink.net or call at 325-4543.

Thanks,
Margaret

2005-06 Budget (Proposed)

May 18, 2005

Dear Woman's Club Board Members:

Since our June combined Board Meeting will be a luncheon, I am sending out the draft proposed budget now with an explanation of the assumptions built into it. Once the Board has approved the budget, it will be voted on by the entire membership at the June luncheon meeting.

This will be a very hard year, primarily due to the drop off in rentals. Last year we budgeted for 18 full price rentals and we had the equivalent of 15 full price rentals. So far for the 2005-06 fiscal year we have only three (3) rentals booked and one is at the member discount. We are assuming 12 full price rentals for purposes of this budget which means we need 9.5 more full price rentals booked for the period between June 1, 2005 and May 31, 2006 in order to meet the budget. Since most weddings are booked 6 months or more in advance, we may be optimistic with the 12 rentals assumption. That, unfortunately is the hard reality.

Last year's budget included a "carryover" of $6742 and a transfer from savings of $20,000. (Luckily we only transferred $7000 from savings.) That $26,742 would not have been new revenue, but use of existing funds. Because our total uncommitted funds are significantly less than the budgeted spending, the Finance Committee is recommending that no monies be budgeted from reserves until the rental picture improves.

Please look over the attached budget and budget assumptions soon and feel free to contact any of us on the Finance Committee between now and the Board luncheon with your questions and comments.

Sincerely,

Emily

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Karen Holman, First VP
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Anne Ercolani, former Treasurer appointed by the President
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Jana Stevens, President and ex officio Finance Committee member
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**Final Draft Budget 2005-2006** **May 18, 2005**

The Finance Committee, Emily Renzel, Lanie Wheeler, Karen Holman, Anne Ercolani, and Jana Stevens, as ex officio member, met and we propose the attached balanced budget for 2005-2006. The allocations of revenues and expenses are our best estimate of what is likely to happen. Rental income is way down, necessitating careful spending. The Treasurer is not authorized to pay any bills for which there is not funding in the budget. Therefore we were conservative in estimating expenses.

Anne and Lanie are accountants and both agreed that "carryover" should not be considered a "revenue", so we did not include an amount called "carryover". In any case, it appears that expenses v. revenues would not have had any surplus to carry over this year. We agreed that "miscellaneous" was not an appropriate category and did not allocate any money there.

We agreed that the concept of the President's Fund probably isn't appropriate for a non-profit and changed that name to "Contingency Fund". The accountants felt that the President should submit expenses for reimbursement so they can be properly categorized. The $100 "gift" is therefore not budgeted for 2005-06. It will be paid in 2004-2005, however from the President's Fund.

We added new categories for Programs and the New Member Lunch. The new member lunch last year cost $356.04. Given the tight budget this year we felt the Board should potluck the lunch and that only $50 should be allocated for invitations and special napkins that have to be purchased.

We allocated $1000 for Programs with the understanding that some programs will cost nothing and others may cost as much as $250 or $300. The History Committee requested $200 for their Women's History Month program and the Program Committee should take that into account in their planning. We did not include program money in the History Committee budget, nor outings money.

All postage and copying expenses are included in the "Office & Postage" category, so none were allocated to specific committees eg. Newslettter or Membership.

**Revenue Assumptions:**
We assumed one full price rental per month ie. 12 x 1750 = $21000. We now have 3 rentals in FY05-06.
We assumed 12 rental deposits of $500 each = $6000.
We assumed Fundraising for Philanthropy of $3000.
We assumed a membership of 225 x $75 = $16875. (But we pay GFWC for our 9 Honorary members.)
We assumed interest will go up modestly.
We assumed $400 revenue per lunches = $4000.

We assumed that the Federation will require us to pay $16/member for 234 members.

We assumed that Utilities will increase significantly over this year which at the average of $434/month would be $5212 for FY 04-05. We allocated $6000 for FY 05-06.

The outstanding A/C costs of c. $1500 -$2000 are included in the $4900 allocated to House & Grounds.

We made no provision for Memorial Donations, but since those are specifically acted upon by the Board, the transfer from the Savings to the Philanthropy Account can be authorized at that time.

Between our checking account and our Money Market account we have about $30,000 right now. It will be up to the Board to determine if it wishes to increase any expense items by making a corresponding commitment of the funds in hand. The Finance Committee believes the reserves should be kept intact at this time. However, the Board could prioritize among Philanthropy, House & Grounds and other projects should significant unbudgeted revenues materialize.

Emily Renzel, for the Finance Committee

| | A | B | C | D | E | F | G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | *Receipts* | | 2004-05 budget | | Actual 5/18/05 | | Proposed |
| 2 | Carryover | | 6742 | | 6742 | | 0 |
| 3 | Donations | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| 4 | Fundraising | | 2500 | | 7695.25 | | 3000 |
| 5 | Interest | | 900 | | 869.42 | | 900 |
| 6 | Luncheons | | 3000 | | 3326.5 | | 4000 |
| 7 | Membership | | 15900 | | 16875 | | 16875 |
| 8 | Rent | | 30800 | | 26664.5 | | 21000 |
| 9 | Refundable Deposit | | 9200 | | 13340 | | 6000 |
| 10 | Other Income | | 0 | | 422.86 | | 0 |
| 11 | Savings Transfer | | 20000 | | 7000 | | |
| 12 | | | | | | | |
| 13 | Total Income | | 89042 | | 82899.53 | | 51775 |
| 14 | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Expenses | | | | | | |
| 16 | Ads | | 1500 | | 1650 | | 1650 |
| 17 | Bank Fees | | 120 | | 66.24 | | 75 |
| 18 | Building Fund | | 1200 | | 1200 | | 1200 |
| 19 | Convention, GFWC | | 100 | | 0 | | 100 |
| 20 | GFWC dues | | 2500 | | 3642.5 | | 3760 |
| 21 | Fees/Permits | | 200 | | 147 | | 150 |
| 22 | *Gardener* | | *1200* | | *920* | | *1200* |
| 23 | History Committee | | 50 | | 0 | | 250 |
| 24 | H&G-Grounds | | 1000 | | 0 | | 1250 |
| 25 | H&G-House | | 36000 | | 22398.45 | | 4900 |
| 26 | *House Maintenance* | | 5000 | | 2112.08 | | 4000 |
| 27 | Household Supplies | | 1000 | | 456.15 | | 500 |
| 28 | Insurance | | 2500 | | 1861 | | 2000 |
| 29 | Janitorial | | 5000 | | 5630.37 | | 5000 |
| 30 | Luncheons/Socials | | 1000 | | 535.15 | | 1300 |
| 31 | Membership Expense | | 50 | | 594.63 | | 100 |
| 32 | Miscellaneous | | 300 | | 0 | | 0 |
| 33 | Newsletter | | 900 | | 693.7 | | 850 |
| 34 | Yearbook | | 900 | | 853.67 | | 900 |
| 35 | Office&Postage | | 1800 | | 997.14 | | 1200 |
| 36 | Philanthropy | | 7500 | | 12000 | | 3000 |
| 37 | Contingency Fund | | 200 | | | | 200 |
| 38 | Prof.Accountant | | 1440 | | 1440 | | 1440 |
| 39 | RE Taxes | | 2300 | | 2248.25 | | 2500 |
| 40 | Refunds | | 9200 | | 13340 | | 6000 |
| 41 | Telephone | | 1000 | | 1054.85 | | 1200 |
| 42 | Utilities | | 4500 | | 4778.36 | | 6000 |
| 43 | Programs | | | | | | 1000 |
| 44 | New Member lunch | | | | | | 50 |
| 45 | | | | | | | |
| 46 | Total Expenses | | 89460 | | 78619.09 | | 51775 |

PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MINUTES, SEPTEMBER, 8, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President, Wanda Cavanaugh at 5:10 PM

Board Members Present: Wanda Cavanaugh, Julie Jerome, Margaret Feuer, Sharon Small, Ellie Heister, Elizabeth Moder-Stern, Jennifer Kleckner, Emily Renzel, and Jana Stevens

Board Members Absent: Pat Davis, Karen Holman, Iris Korol, Carol Hubenthal, and Celiene O'Hara

The Minutes of the last meeting were not available for approval due to absence of Secretary.

Finance - Julie submitted the final revised budget for 2004-05. The House and Grounds amount has been revised downward from 40,000 to 36,000 to fit the budget. This is based on a $20,000 transfer from the savings account. Top items to be addressed this year will be seismic refit, air conditioning and the fireside room

Treasurer's Report - Emily submitted reports for May, June and July. As of July 31, 2004 we had $22,850.15 in our checking account. The club's total assets as of that date were $89,334.34. Passed (Small, Kleckner) to file the treasurer's reports for audit.

Rentals – Jennifer reported that we have no rentals as yet for the month of September, but with 6 rentals this summer and 9 already on the calendar from Oct through February 05, things we are on target to meet our budget goal.

Our new add/listing for the upcoming edition of Here Comes the Guide with new photos showing the club entrance and a staged table set up in the ballroom was shared and received enthusiastic approval from all.

Membership - Margaret reports that there was some confusion between the confirming of paid memberships for this year and offering and acceptance of new memberships to those on the waiting list. When the "dust settled", the membership was slightly above the cut off point of 225. Because of a number of honorary members on our roles it was agreed that in the future they will not be "counted" as part of the 225 membership number.

18 members resigned from the club at the close of the year and there were 3 deaths.
Current membership is 237 (Active plus Honorary)
There are currently 3 people on the waiting list

A very successful first New Members Luncheon organized by Margaret Feuer was held on Tuesday, Sept 7th at the club house. Of the 32 new members who were brought into the club this year 28 attended this event. They were greeted by board members, given a

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tour of the clubhouse by the rental chairpersons. During the luncheon board members spoke about the various activities available to the membership and also their responsibility to the club. Each new member of the enthusiastic group then briefly introduced herself to the assembled luncheon guests. (The cost to the club for this event was approximately $200.)

Philanthropy – Members and the Board are urged to promote and support the next fund raising event which will be -
HIGH TEA in the Garden, on October 6th at the Hyatt Hotel Rose Garden.

House and Grounds – Jana reported that the following projects were completed this summer: Gutters – attached and refit and aimed to drain away from building, attic bracing, floors washed and waxed, and the kitchen cleaned. Bids are being taken for air conditioning and thought is being given to upgrading the side garden.

House Preservation/Fund Raising Committee – A group of our members had one meeting this summer and compiled a list of the things they saw as needing to be done to improve the clubhouse. The list was turned over to Caroline Willis, Chairperson of the House and Grounds Committee. The biggest need right now is to find a chairperson for the house preservation committee.

Sunshine - Sharon Small will send cards to Carolyn Reller and to Mary Carlstead. Dorothy Arbuckle celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends at the club this summer.

New/Other Business

Julie Jerome reports that the new yearbook is being printed and will be ready in the office of the Woman's Club early next week. Sharon Small will be in charge of distribution at the Wednesday luncheon. Others will await pickup at future luncheons and events.

Monday, September 13th the Woman's Club District Meeting will be held at our Palo Alto Clubhouse from 9-2. Wanda, Emily, Jana, and Ellie will be on hand to greet and do any facilitating necessary. Iris has been receiving the reservations.

The California Fed. Area B Loma Prieta District Meeting is scheduled for Oct. 16, 2004.

Our next Board Meeting : October 6, 2004 at 5:00 PM
(Note: the meeting time is one half hour earlier than last year.)

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Heister for Celiene O'Hara, Recording Secretary

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
BALANCE SHEET
AUGUST 31, 2004

ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| COMERICA SCHOLAR FD #26379 | 8,534.37 | |
| COMERICA # 1891161018 | 21,149.55 | |
| COMERICA #1891184358 | 25,259.92 | |
| COMERICA # 26411 | 32,759.38 | |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | 87,703.22 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 87,703.22 |

FUND BALANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| FUND BALANCE | 79,784.02 | |
| CURRENT EXCESS (DEFICIT) | 7,919.20 | |
| FUND BALANCE | | 87,703.22 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE | | 87,703.22 |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

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$18,414.89

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To the Board of Directors
Womens Club of Palo Alto
Palo Alto, CA

I have compiled the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities, and fund balances of the Womens Club of Palo Alto as of **August 31, 2004** and the related statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets or fund balances for the **one month** and **three month(s)** then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Company's assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, and expenses. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

October 4, 2004

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES
FOR THE THREE PERIODS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2004

| | PERIOD TO DATE | | | YEAR TO DATE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ACTUAL | CURR BUDGET | BUDGET VAR | ACTUAL | CURR BUDGET | BUDGET VAR |
| EVENUE | | | | | | |
| DONATIONS | .00 | 18.75 | (18.75) | .00 | 56.25 | (56.25) |
| MEMBERSHIP | 75.00 | 875.00 | (800.00) | 3,000.00 | 2,625.00 | 375.00 |
| FUNDRAISING | .00 | 100.00 | (100.00) | 60.00 | 300.00 | (240.00) |
| LUNCHEONS | .00 | 291.67 | (291.67) | 220.00 | 875.01 | (655.01) |
| RENT | 3,825.00 | 4,377.08 | (552.08) | 14,299.50 | 13,131.24 | 1,168.26 |
| INTEREST EARNED | 69.48 | 75.00 | (5.52) | 235.53 | 225.00 | 10.53 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 3,969.48 | 5,737.50 | (1,768.02) | 17,815.03 | 17,212.50 | 602.53 |
| RATING EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| ACTIVITIES/LUNCHEONS | .00 | 83.33 | 83.33 | .00 | 249.99 | 249.99 |
| PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT | 360.00 | 120.00 | (240.00) | 360.00 | 360.00 | .00 |
| GARDENER | .00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 160.00 | 600.00 | 440.00 |
| JANITORIAL | 860.00 | 466.67 | (393.33) | 1,310.00 | 1,400.01 | 90.01 |
| HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES | 28.39 | 100.00 | 71.61 | 328.39 | 300.00 | (28.39) |
| UTILITIES | 631.67 | 375.00 | (256.67) | 944.13 | 1,125.00 | 180.87 |
| BUILDING FUND | .00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | .00 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| TELEPHONE | 202.77 | 133.33 | (69.44) | 291.63 | 399.99 | 108.36 |
| TAXES/PPTY, PERSONAL | .00 | 177.92 | 177.92 | .00 | 533.76 | 533.76 |
| OFFICE/POSTAGE | 75.49 | 27.08 | (48.41) | 110.47 | 81.24 | (29.23) |
| NEWSLETTER | 84.00 | 250.00 | 166.00 | 84.00 | 750.00 | 666.00 |
| LUNCHEONS/SOCIALS | 80.54 | 116.67 | 36.13 | 103.58 | 350.01 | 246.43 |
| INSURANCE | .00 | 208.33 | 208.33 | .00 | 624.99 | 624.99 |
| BANK FEE | 17.74 | 10.00 | (7.74) | 17.74 | 30.00 | 12.26 |
| MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES | .00 | 8.33 | 8.33 | .00 | 24.99 | 24.99 |
| FEDERATION DUES | .00 | 254.17 | 254.17 | .00 | 762.51 | 762.51 |
| FEES/PERMITS | 10.00 | 16.67 | 6.67 | 10.00 | 50.01 | 40.01 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | .00 | 8.33 | 8.33 | .00 | 24.99 | 24.99 |
| ADS | .00 | .00 | .00 | 1,200.00 | .00 | (1,200.00) |
| REFUNDS | 1,950.00 | 1,033.33 | (916.67) | 2,680.00 | 3,099.99 | 419.99 |
| GARDEN COMMITTEE | .00 | 83.33 | 83.33 | .00 | 249.99 | 249.99 |
| HOUSE/GROUNDS-GROUNDS | .00 | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00 | .00 | 3,900.00 | 3,900.00 |
| HOUSE & GROUNDS | 600.00 | .00 | (600.00) | 1,495.89 | .00 | (1,495.89) |
| HOUSE MAINTENANCE | 700.00 | 416.67 | (283.33) | 800.00 | 1,250.01 | 450.01 |
| PHILANTHROPY | .00 | 833.33 | 833.33 | .00 | 2,499.99 | 2,499.99 |
| PRESIDENT'S FUND | .00 | 16.67 | 16.67 | .00 | 50.01 | 50.01 |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | 5,600.60 | 6,339.16 | 738.56 | 9,895.83 | 19,017.48 | 9,121.65 |
| EXCESS OR (DEFICIT) | (1,631.12) | (601.66) | (1,029.46) | 7,919.20 | (1,804.98) | 9,724.18 |

10/6/04
Bal: 18,414.89

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

HECK HISTORY REPORT

*SORTED BY CHECK NUMBER*

ACTIVITY FROM: 08/01/04 TO: 08/31/04

ANK CODE: B COMERICA #1891161018

| HECK UMBER | CHECK DATE | VENDOR NUMBER | NAME | CHECK AMOUNT | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| )2133 | 08/05/04 | THRT | THOMAS SALABERT | 700.00 | (MANUAL) |
| )2134 | 08/06/04 | MAER | MARGARET FEUR | 600.00 | (MANUAL) |
| )2135 | 08/12/04 | CITO | CITY OF PALO ALTO | 631.67 | (MANUAL) |
| )2136 | 08/19/04 | EMEL | EMILIY RENZEL | 500.00 | (MANUAL) |
| )2137 | 08/19/04 | REFUND | | 450.00 | (MANUAL) |
| )2138 | 08/19/04 | THRT | THOMAS SALABERT | 80.00 | (MANUAL) |
| )2139 | 08/19/04 | REFUND | | 500.00 | (MANUAL) |
| )2140 | 08/19/04 | THRT | THOMAS SALABERT | 40.00 | (MANUAL) |
| )2141 | 08/19/04 | REFUND | | 500.00 | (MANUAL) |
| )2142 | 08/19/04 | THRT | THOMAS SALABERT | 40.00 | (MANUAL) |
| )2143 | 08/19/04 | D&AL | D&L Janitorial | 700.00 | (MANUAL) |
| )2144 | 08/19/04 | SUUL | Susan Kazul | 80.54 | (MANUAL) |
| )2145 | 08/19/04 | PARE | PALO ALTO HARDWARE | 28.39 | (MANUAL) |
| )2146 | 08/19/04 | SBC | SBC | 67.14 | (MANUAL) |
| )2147 | 08/19/04 | AT&T | AT & T | 44.63 | (MANUAL) |
| )2148 | 08/19/04 | MAER | MARGARET FEUR | 75.49 | (MANUAL) |
| )2149 | 08/19/04 | PASD | PAUSD | 84.00 | (MANUAL) |
| )2150 | 08/26/04 | FRRD | FRANCHISE TAX BOARD | 10.00 | (MANUAL) |
| )2151 | 08/30/04 | AT&T | AT & T | 22.28 | (MANUAL) |
| )2152 | 08/30/04 | GLPA | GLENN T. KAWAGUCHI, CPA | 360.00 | (MANUAL) |
| )2153 | 08/30/04 | SBC | SBC | 68.72 | (MANUAL) |

BANK B TOTAL: 5,582.86

REPORT TOTAL: 5,582.86

House + Grounds *Woman's Club To Do List - July 20, 2004*

| *Job* | *Location* | *Priority* | *Cost* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ceiling repairs | *Ball room* | | |
| Heating / air conditioning | *Ball room* | | |
| Window restoration | *Ball room* | | |
| Men's bathroom | *Bathroom-Men's* | | |
| Woman's bathroom | *Bathroom-Woman's* | | |
| Light fixtures in fireside room | *Fireside room* | | |
| Restore fireplace in fireside room | *Fireside room* | | |
| Three doors in fireside room | *Fireside room* | | |
| Built-in in entry | *Foyer* | | |
| Kitchen countertops | *Kitchen* | | |
| Kitchen flooring | *Kitchen* | | |
| Reface kitchen cabinets | *Kitchen* | | |
| Sinks | *Kitchen* | | |
| Stove restoration or replacement | *Kitchen* | | |
| Re-plumbing | *Kitchen & baths* | | |
| Drainage issues | *Outside* | | |
| Gutters | *Outside* | | |
| Planting | *Outside* | | |
| Porch & outdoor lighting | *Outside* | | |
| Irrigation | *Side yard* | | |
| Exterior paint | *Whole house* | | |
| Insulation | *Whole house* | | |
| Paint all rooms | *Whole house* | | |

Re: No December 1, 2004 Board Meeting

Hi All,

My apologies for the delay in getting back to you. As many of you know, my Internet connection was down for a week--right before our board meeting and during a major product and funding tour for one of my clients-- and the Comcast people doing my new hook up ran very late on the Wed. of the meeting (to 5:30). So, I not only could not send out an agenda or a warning that I couldn't make it, I just plain couldn't make it.

Thanks to Julie and Emily for stepping in to meet people and explain. It turns out we did not have a quorum and so there was no meeting. Margaret had let me know that we have 11 on our waiting list. I have attached the minutes that I took from the November meeting. We will have to approve those either viturally (what a brave new world) by email or wait until the January meeting. At this meeting we will also approve the Treasuer's Report and the Auditor's Report.

I am hoping for better attendance at the Jan. 5 Board Meeting. In the event that Celiene is again unable to attend, is there someone who can step in and take over the Minutes for that meeting?

I look forward to seeing everyone at our dinner meeting on Dec. 15th! Hope your Holidays are going beautifully and without too much stress.

Wanda

Wanda Cavanaugh
Windward Communications

12/2004 Book Club Report

| Date | Author | Book Title |
|---|---|---|
| **1994** | | |
| Oct. | Proulx, Annie | ✓ *Shipping News* |
| Nov. | Cather, Willa | *Oh, Pioneers* |
| Dec. | Doerr, Harriet | ✓ *Stones for Ibarra* – ? |
| **1995** | | |
| Jan. | Stegner, Wallace | ✓ ~~*Angle of Repose*~~ *Crossing to safety* – ? |
| Feb. | Stone, Robert | *Outerbridge Reach* |
| March | Price, Reynolds | *Kate Vaiden* |
| April | Munro, Alice | ✓ *Lives of Girls and Women* |
| May | Lamott, Anne | ✓ *All New People* |
| June | Malamud, Bernard | *Dubin's Lives* |
| July | Pasternak, Boris | *Dr. Zhivago* |
| Aug. | Flaubert, Gustauve | *Madame Bovary* |
| Sept. | Alvarez, Julia | *How the Garcia Girls Lost their Accents* |
| Oct. | Mukherjee, Bharati | ✓ *Holder of the World* – ? |
| Nov. | Gordimer, Nadine | *My Son's Story* |
| Dec. | Lively, Penelope | ✓ *City of the Mind* — London |
| **1996** | | |
| January | Wilder, Thornton | *Bridge of San Luis Rey* |
| February | Davies, Robertson | ✓ *Fifth Business* |
| March | Naipaul, V.S. | *House for Mr. Biswas* |
| April | Austen, Jane | *Sense and Sensibility* |
| May | Kerouac, Jack | *Maggie Cassidy* |
| June | Hamilton, Jane | ✓ *Book of Ruth* |
| July | Dickens, Charles | *Great Expectations* |
| Aug | Ondaatje, Michael | ✓ *The English Patient* |
| Sept | Faulkner, William | *The Rievers* |
| Oct. | Hanson, Ron | *Mariette in Ecstasy* |
| Nov. | Wharton, Edith | *Summer* |
| Dec. | Lee, ~~Hannah~~ Harper | ✓ *To Kill a Mockingbird* |
| **1997** | | |
| February | Baldwin, James | *Another Country* |
| March | Yalom, Irwin | ✓ *When Nietzsche Wept* ? |
| April | Hegi, Ursala | ✓ *Stones from the River* |
| May | Alther, Lisa | *Five Minutes in Heaven* |
| June | Ishiguru, Kazuo | *Artist of the Floating World* |
| July & Aug. | Hansen, Brooks | *Chess Garden* |
| Sept. | Bellow, Saul | *Adventures of Augie March* |
| Oct. | Oe, Kenzaburo | ✓ *A Personal Matter* – ? |
| Nov. | Marquez, Gabriel Garcia | ✓ *Hundred Years of Solitude* |
| Dec. | Evans, Max | *Bluefeather Fellini* |
| **1998** | | |
| Jan. | Kerouac, Jack | *Dharma Bums* |
| Feb. | Martinez, Victor | *Parrot in the Oven* |
| March | Anderson, Sherwood | *Winesberg, Ohio* |
| April | Lethem, John | *Gun with Occasional Music* |
| June | Rushdie, Solman | ✓ *Shame* – ? |
| July | Lamott, Anne | ✓ *Hard Laughter* |

12/20/04

| Date | Author | Book Title |
|---|---|---|
| **1998** | | |
| August | Conrad, Joseph | *Victory* |
| Sept | Liveley, Penelope | ✓ *Moon Tiger* |
| Oct | Barker, Pat | ✓ *Regeneration* |
| Nov. | Ford, Richard | *Independence Day* |
| Dec | Orwell, George | ✓ *Burmese Days* - P |
| **1999** | | |
| Jan. | Johnson, Charles | *Middle Passage* |
| Feb. | O'Brien, Tim | *In the Lake of the Woods* |
| March | Percy, Walker | *The Moviegoer* |
| April | McCullers, Carson | *Reflections in a Golden Eye* |
| May/June | Gurganus, Alan | ✓ *Plays Well with Others* |
| July/August | Balzac, Honore de | *Eugenie Grandet* |
| September | Orwell, George | *Down and Out in Paris & London* - P |
| October/Nov. | Boll, Henrich | *Billiards at Half Past Nine* |
| December | Kingsolver, Barbara | *Holding the Line* |
| **2000** | | |
| Jan. | Morrison, Toni | *Beloved* |
| Feb. | Tsukiyama, Gail | *The Samurai's Garden* |
| March | Attwood, Margaret | *Surfacing* |
| April/May | Carey, Peter | *Oscar and Lucinda* |
| June/July | Marciano, Francesca | *Rules of the Wild* |
| August | Brookner, Anita | *Falling Slowly* |
| September | Doig, Ivan | *Dancing at the Rascal Fair* |
| October | West, Dorothy | ✓ *The Wedding* |
| November | Cunningham, Michael | ✓ *The Hours* - P |
| December | Munro, Alice | *The Progress of Love* |
| **2001** | | |
| Jan. | Hornby, Nickk | ✓ *High Fidelity* |
| Feb. | Davis, Kathryn | *Walking Tour* |
| March | Shelley, Mary | *Frankenstein* |
| April | Allende, Isabel | *Daughters of Fortune* |
| May | Weisel, Elie | *Beggar in Jerusalem* |
| June/July | Jin, Ha | ✓ *Waiting* - P |
| September | Chabon, Michael | *Wonder Boys* |
| November | Ondaatje, Michael | *Anil's Ghost* |
| December | Yakhlif, Yahya | *A Lake Beyond the Wind* |
| **2002** | | |
| February | Steinbeck, John | ✓ *East of Eden* |
| March | Mahfouz, Naguib | *Palace Walk* |
| April | Waugh, Evelyn | *Brideshead Revisited* |
| May | Carey, Peter | *True History of the Kelly Gang* |
| September | Stegner, Wallace | *Crossing to Safety* x 2 |
| October | Bowles, Paul | *Sheltering Sky* |
| November | Auster, Paul | *House of Glass* |

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| Date | Author | Book Title |
|---|---|---|
| **2003** | | |
| January | Crace, Jim | *Being Dead* |
| February | Dubus, Andre | *House of Sand and Fog* |
| April | Miller, Sue | *The World Below* |
| May | Fitzgerald, Penelope | *Blue Flower* |
| June | Calvino, Italo | *The Baron in the Trees* |
| September | Patchett,, Ann | *Magician's Assistant* |
| October | Schwartz, Christine | *Drowning Ruth* |
| November | Forster, E.M. | *Room with a View* |
| December | Movie viewing | |
| **2004** | | |
| January | Ishiguro, Kazuo | *When We Were Orphans* |
| February | Wilde, Oscar | *The Picture of Dorian Gray* |
| March | Sijie, Dai | *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* |
| April | Naipul, V.S. | *Half a Life* |
| May | Taylor, Peter | *Summons to Memphis* |
| June | Grimes, Martha | *Hotel Paradise* |
| August | O'Brien, Tim | *Going After Cacciato* |
| September | Jones, Edward P. | *The Known World* |
| October | Jhabvala, Ruth Prawer | *Heat and Dust* |
| November | Lawrence, DH | Lady Chatterly's Lover |
| December | Truong, Monique | The Book of Salt |
| **2005** | | |

Woman's Club of Palo Alto Board Minutes Wednesday, January 5, 2005 5:00 PM

NEXT MEETING—February 2, 2005 5:00PM

The meeting was called to order by President, Wanda Cavanaugh at 5:10 PM

Present: Elizabeth Moder-Stern, Julie Jerome, Iris Korol, Ellie Heister, Margaret Feuer, Wanda Cavanaugh, Emily Rensel, Pat Davis, Jennifer Kleckner, and Karen Holman.

Absent: Carol Hubenthal, Celiene O'Hara, Jana Stevens and Sharon Small

Minutes. Minutes from the November Board Meeting were approved as distributed. (Iris, Elizabeth)
There was no official December meeting as a quorum was not available.

Wanda reports with regret that our club secretary, Celiene O'Hara, has tendered a verbal resignation from the Board due to personal time and scheduling difficulties. It is the Board's responsibility to fill that vacant office. A short list of possible qualified candidates was drawn up and Wanda agreed to make calls to secure a replacement.

Treasurer's Report: Emily distributed copies of the accountant's reports for both October and November. The asset balance for October was $86,361 and for November, $90,319.12. The balance in the checking account as of 11/30/04 was $25,268.10 and the amount as of the end of December was not available due to the holidays and the early date of our meeting. It was moved and passed that both reports be filed for audit. Emily reported that $4254.00 was shifted from the checking account to the Philanthropy account. That amount is comprised of $2500 authorized by the board if there was a surplus at the end of the fiscal year, about $1300 from the Tea and the remainder in memorials, donations and wine proceeds.

The board received a letter from our auditor, Lanie Wheeler, following her examination of the accounting records of the club for fiscal year June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004. She pointed out a balance discrepancy between the reconciled bank statements/general ledger and the Net Worth reports produced by Quickbooks which the Treasurer supplied of approximately $2,000. (See attached letter) After a discussion it was moved that the Auditor's report be accepted and that Emily attempt to find and reconcile the balance discrepancies before the end of the fisical year when the books will be turned over to the new Treasurer. (Margaret – Iris)

Rental Committee: Elizabeth reported a total income from rentals in December of $1650 with $490 total refunds leaving a net income of $1160. for the month. There is one pending rental in January for $675.

Membership Committee: Margaret reported that three new applications have been added to the waiting list for at total of 18.

1/5/05

A memorial grant in honor of Frances May who died recently will be made to the Philanthropy Fund. Frances had been a member of the Women's Club since 1994. Philanthropy Committee: Iris reported that a total of 35 agencies have been suggested to the committee by the membership. Approximately $12,500 will be available for grants this year. The committee will begin meeting this month to make their selections. Awards to be given out at the May meeting.

House and Grounds: Regrouting and cleaning of the historic tile fireplace surround has been completed. The committee is in the process of ordering a new outside door for the Fireside Room which will have glass to let light into that part of the clubhouse and will resemble the door to the kitchen. A third bid for installing a new air conditioning system will be obtained... which will need to include some new vents and cold air returns. Our rodent problem appears to be resurfacing! It was suggested that the committee should contact a professional exterminator. NO FOOD should be left out in the kitchen overnight!

House Preservation Committee; No report

Lunch Committee: The October and November luncheons showed a profit. Checks have been sent to the Treasurer. The Board had a discussion about possible actions which might be taken when members do not meet their obligation to participate when assigned to a luncheon committee.

Sunshine: Sharon should send card to estate of Frances May regarding memorial grant and to Doris Salabert who was hospitalized in December.

Wanda will write and submit the yearly Club Report to Calif. Federation of Women's Clubs, Loma Prieta District and distribute copies to the board.

Nominating Committee: Five members will be selected for the 2005 Nominating Committee at the January Luncheon. Board members Elizabeth-Moder-Stern and Margaret Feuer agreed to have their names submitted. Nominees must agree and be present at the January meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM

Respectively submitted,
Ellie Heister (Substituting for Recording Secretary)

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2004

ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| COMERICA SCHOLAR FD #26379 | 12,848.34 | |
| COMERICA # 1891161018 | 16,103.09 | |
| COMERICA #1891184358 | 25,304.54 | |
| COMERICA # 26411 | 32,963.71 | |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | 87,219.68 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 87,219.68 |

FUND BALANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| FUND BALANCE | 79,784.02 | |
| CURRENT EXCESS (DEFICIT) | 7,435.66 | |
| FUND BALANCE | | 87,219.68 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE | | 87,219.68 |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

G.T. KAWAGUCHI
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To the Board of Directors
Womens Club of Palo Alto
Palo Alto, CA

I have compiled the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities, and fund balances of the Womens Club of Palo Alto as of **December 31, 2004** and the related statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets or fund balances for the **one month** and **seven month(s)** then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Company's assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, and expenses. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

January 27, 2005

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES
FOR THE SEVEN PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

| | PERIOD TO DATE | | | YEAR TO DATE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ACTUAL | CURR BUDGET | BUDGET VAR | ACTUAL | CURR BUDGET | BUDGET VAR |
| EVENUE | | | | | | |
| DONATIONS | .00 | 18.75 | (18.75) | .00 | 131.25 | (131.25) |
| MEMBERSHIP | .00 | 875.00 | (875.00) | 3,000.00 | 6,125.00 | (3,125.00) |
| FUNDRAISING | 582.75 | 100.00 | 482.75 | 3,051.75 | 700.00 | 2,351.75 |
| LUNCHEONS | 201.00 | 291.67 | (90.67) | 1,606.00 | 2,041.69 | (435.69) |
| RENT | 1,525.00 | 4,377.08 | (2,852.08) | 27,249.50 | 30,639.56 | (3,390.06) |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 412.86 | .00 | 412.86 | 437.86 | .00 | 437.86 |
| INTEREST EARNED | 100.51 | 75.00 | 25.51 | 544.45 | 525.00 | 19.45 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 2,822.12 | 5,737.50 | (2,915.38) | 35,889.56 | 40,162.50 | (4,272.94) |
| PERATING EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| CTIVITIES/LUNCHEONS | .00 | 83.33 | 83.33 | .00 | 583.31 | 583.31 |
| PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT | .00 | 120.00 | 120.00 | 600.00 | 840.00 | 240.00 |
| GARDENER | 280.00 | 200.00 | (80.00) | 600.00 | 1,400.00 | 800.00 |
| JANITORIAL | 760.00 | 466.67 | (293.33) | 3,384.13 | 3,266.69 | (117.44) |
| HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES | 19.32 | 100.00 | 80.68 | 440.57 | 700.00 | 259.43 |
| UTILITIES | 412.71 | 375.00 | (37.71) | 2,359.57 | 2,625.00 | 265.43 |
| BUILDING FUND | .00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | .00 | 700.00 | 700.00 |
| TELEPHONE | 172.38 | 133.33 | (39.05) | 643.48 | 933.31 | 289.83 |
| TAXES/PPTY, PERSONAL | .00 | 177.92 | 177.92 | 2,238.25 | 1,245.44 | (992.81) |
| OFFICE/POSTAGE | 12.44 | 27.08 | 14.64 | 566.23 | 189.56 | (376.67) |
| NEWSLETTER | .00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 273.70 | 1,750.00 | 1,476.30 |
| YEARBOOK | .00 | .00 | .00 | 853.67 | .00 | (853.67) |
| LUNCHEONS/SOCIALS | .00 | 116.67 | 116.67 | 149.55 | 816.69 | 667.14 |
| INSURANCE | 1,861.00 | 208.33 | (1,652.67) | 1,861.00 | 1,458.31 | (402.69) |
| BANK FEE | 5.00 | 10.00 | 5.00 | 35.24 | 70.00 | 34.76 |
| MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES | .00 | 8.33 | 8.33 | 371.17 | 58.31 | (312.86) |
| FEDERATION DUES | .00 | 254.17 | 254.17 | .00 | 1,779.19 | 1,779.19 |
| FEES/PERMITS | .00 | 16.67 | 16.67 | 10.00 | 116.69 | 106.69 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | .00 | 8.33 | 8.33 | .00 | 58.31 | 58.31 |
| ADS | .00 | .00 | .00 | 1,200.00 | .00 | (1,200.00) |
| REFUNDS | 1,850.00 | 1,033.33 | (816.67) | 8,160.00 | 7,233.31 | (926.69) |
| GARDEN COMMITTEE | .00 | 83.33 | 83.33 | .00 | 583.31 | 583.31 |
| HOUSE/GROUNDS-GROUNDS | .00 | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00 | .00 | 9,100.00 | 9,100.00 |
| HOUSE & GROUNDS | 229.14 | .00 | (229.14) | 2,049.78 | .00 | (2,049.78) |
| HOUSE MAINTENANCE | .00 | 416.67 | 416.67 | 1,422.99 | 2,916.69 | 1,493.70 |
| PHILANTHROPY | 319.57 | 833.33 | 513.76 | 1,234.57 | 5,833.31 | 4,598.74 |
| PRESIDENT'S FUND | .00 | 16.67 | 16.67 | .00 | 116.69 | 116.69 |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | 5,921.56 | 6,339.16 | 417.60 | 28,453.90 | 44,374.12 | 15,920.22 |
| EXCESS OR (DEFICIT) | (3,099.44) | (601.66) | (2,497.78) | 7,435.66 | (4,211.62) | 11,647.28 |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

HECK HISTORY REPORT

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO

*SORTED BY CHECK NUMBER*

ACTIVITY FROM: 12/01/04 TO: 12/31/04

ANK CODE: B COMERICA #1891161018

| IECK JMBER | CHECK DATE | VENDOR NUMBER | NAME | CHECK AMOUNT | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2212 | 12/09/04 | LIAL | LIBERTY MUTUAL | 1,861.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2213 | 12/09/04 | LELO | LEONARD TRUJILLO | 240.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2214 | 12/09/04 | CIPA | CITY OF PALO ALTO | 412.71 | (MANUAL) |
| 2215 | 12/09/04 | THRT | THOMAS SALABERT | 120.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2216 | 12/09/04 | THRT | THOMAS SALABERT | 350.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2217 | 12/09/04 | THRT | THOMAS SALABERT | 250.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2218 | 12/09/04 | REFUND | | 500.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2219 | 12/09/04 | AT&T | AT & T | 22.28 | (MANUAL) |
| 2220 | 12/09/04 | SBC | SBC | 75.71 | (MANUAL) |
| 2221 | 12/09/04 | EMEL | EMILIY RENZEL | 52.44 | (MANUAL) |
| 2222 | 12/09/04 | MAER | MARGARET FEUR | 146.14 | (MANUAL) |
| 2223 | 12/11/04 | TEES | Terrys Trees | 83.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2224 | 12/23/04 | IROL | IRIS KOROL | 319.57 | (MANUAL) |
| 2225 | 12/23/04 | REFUND | | 450.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2226 | 12/23/04 | REFUND | | 450.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2227 | 12/23/04 | REFUND | | 450.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2228 | 12/23/04 | THRT | THOMAS SALABERT | 40.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 2229 | 12/23/04 | SBC | SBC | 74.39 | (MANUAL) |
| 2230 | 12/31/04 | EMEL | EMILIY RENZEL | 19.32 | (MANUAL) |
| | | | BANK B TOTAL: | 5,916.56 | |
| | | | REPORT TOTAL: | 5,916.56 | |

Palo Alto Chapter Report 2004-2005 to National and State Federation
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REPORT SUBMITTED by board president, Wanda Cavanaugh

Palo Alto Chapter Report: January 2004 to January 2005
California Federation of Women's Clubs
Loma Prieta District

The Palo Alto Woman's Club, founded in 1893, today has a full complement of 225 members, plus 12 Honorary and/or Life Members. We currently have a waiting list of nearly 18, all of whom are invited to attend our monthly meetings as guests. We were honored to host the Loma Prieta District for the September meeting.

Our membership is deeply involved in every aspect of our community from elected positions on City Council, School Board, and County Board of Supervisors, to appointed positions on numerous boards and commissions, to a wide variety of not-for-profit agencies that serve the needs of our town and surrounding communities. In addition, many of our members are employed outside the home, including a number who run their own businesses. We are very pleased by the involvement and participation of our members in the Club activities (outlined in more detail below). We feel our membership continues to carry on the Club founders' vision for the Club to be a place of friendship, self-improvement, and community involvement.

Ongoing Member Activities, Committees and Groups
-Monthly meetings (luncheon or evening meals with educational or entertaining program) hosted by volunteer members. Attendance at these has increased to 90-100 per meeting.
-New this year, a House Preservation Committee to work on keeping the Clubhouse legacy alive.
-2nd Tuesday Night Socials give members another opportunity to get together informally after work or at the end of their day.
-History Committee who research the Club and local women's history, write a monthly column for our Newsletter and annually organize an educational program for one of our monthly meetings. They continue to transcribe minutes of the club from 1893 on, and have donated copies to several research libraries. In Dec. 2004 they organized and led a trip to Berkeley to visit the Woman's Club and other Julia Morgan buildings.
-Book Club meets monthly at the Clubhouse.
-Investment Club meets monthly at the Clubhouse.
-House and Grounds Committee actively involved in the restoration, maintenance and beautification of our Clubhouse and grounds.
-Monthly Newsletter sent to all members.
-Events and Program Committee
-Rental Committee manages the rental of our Clubhouse.
-Philanthropy Committee: Philanthropy continues to be a main focus in terms of fundraising and grants given. This year they hosted our 2nd Annual Garden Tea Party fundraiser. For 2004 the Club granted $10,000 distributed as follows: $2500 each to Children's Library Fund and PA History Museum; $1250 each to Girls' Middle School, EPA Kids Foundation, Ecumenical Hunger Program and Foundation for a College Education.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Cavanaugh, president
Palo Alto Woman's Club
475 Homer Avenue Palo Alto, CA 94301

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Woman's Club of Palo Alto Board Meeting Wednesday, February 2, 2005, 5:00PM

Minutes:

NEXT MEETING --- March 2, 2005 5:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by President, Wanda Cavanaugh at 5:07 PM

Present: Julie Jerome, Louise Beattie, Wanda Cavanaugh, Ellie Heister, Elizabeth Moder-Stern, Carol Hubenthal, Pat Davis, Jana Stevens, Jennifer Kleckner, Margaret Feuer, Karen Holman, Sharon Small, Emily Renzel.

Absent: Iris Korol, Angela Bumbera

Minutes: The Minutes from the January Board Meeting were approved as distributed. (Julie Jerome, Pat Davis)

Wanda introduced Louise Beattie who will finish Celiene O'Hara's term as Recording Secretary.

Treasurer's Report: Emily had a report from G.T.Kawaguchi including a compilation of the Club's financial statements for the seven months June-December and for December. She also had a letter from Lanie Wheeler stating that she had examined the Club's accounting records fro the period June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004 and found them to be in order. Perhaps due to Emily's early difficulty mastering Quicken, our bank statement did not quite balance, giving us an extra $249.00. Emily will wait for the January statement to find the error. A motion was made and passed that we file for audit. Margaret Feuer/ Pat Davis.

Emily reported that we had been notified by the City of Palo Alto of a hearing to discuss the Proposed Storm Drain Fee Increase. Under the proposal, the Club, because we have a large property, would have our monthly fee increased from $4.25 to about $25.00 per month, or from $121 to $300 annually. The Board discussed the measure. Julie and Wanda pointed out that we should give information to our members but that the Club does not take political positions. The Club will have a vote on the measure, however.

Wanda complimented the February Newsletter. She reported that she had attended the Chess Club meeting on Feb.2 and there were 4 people, enough to have a good class. The Bridge Club had failed because there weren't enough people of the same level, and attendance was spotty. The Chess Club should not have the same problems.

Rental Committee:
Emily reported that the screen was down for an event last month. The screen is an antique, it has historical value to our Club and it is difficult to operate. It was decided that

we will not make the screen available to the public. If we use it for the Club, only those who are familiar with it should operate it.

Elizabeth Moder-Stern said that the rentals had been high. The goal is to have rentals totaling $3400 a

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month, or $19,000 every six months, and we have been getting that. The rental income for January was $4,550.00

We will have an ad in the Palo Alto Weekly's Bridal Issue and a 1/2 page spread in Here Comes the Guide.

Membership Committee:
Our membership is full, with 237 members. By-laws limit our membership to 235, not counting honorary members. We have 19 women on the waiting list. After a discussion we decided not to admit new members "piecemeal", as openings become available, but to wait until June to admit them. This gives new members a sense of unity, or of belonging to a "class".

Philanthropy Committee: Iris Korol was absent but had sent word that
everything was going well and that their committee was going to sell wine at the February dinner meeting.

The Philanthropy Committee presents to the Board a list of acceptable recipients for awards, which the Board can approve or disapprove.

The Philanthropy Committee will present the awards at the May meeting this year.

Margaret suggested that we might ask the Committee for a report on the use of their scholarships after they have been awarded.

House and Grounds:

Emily bought a dozen wine glasses bringing our total to 100. She will also buy a supply of soup spoons for the membership.

Margaret reported that she had gotten bids to replace the furnace and install air conditioning for $17, 280.00. They are also going to install R38 insulation in the attic for $3,643.56. This will be done in May or June, and should take 1 week. We have the funds for this in the House and Grounds Budget. It was moved that we allocate assets to allow House and Grounds to install the furnace/air-conditioning and insulate the attic. (Karen-Jennifer)

Margaret also got estimates of: $1000-$1200 for a new exterior door; and $200 -$300 (cost) plus $150 for installation of attic fans.

Jana proposed that we spend @$1000 to upgrade the sound system in the ballroom by replacing 2 existing hanging speakers with four flush speakers in each corner of the room. She noted that they should be installed before we put in the new insulation.

Margaret noted that we will need to increase the electrical supply for the air conditioners and said that while the electrician was there she would ask him to inspect and upgrade the kitchen circuits and plugs.

House Preservation: No Report

Lunch Committee: Pat Davis was praised for her article in the newsletter.
She reported that in January they had run out of food, blown the kitchen fuses and had had so many guests that they had to seat them on the window benches to eat. The main problem was too many people. After much discussion it was moved that we raise the guest fee to $10 beginning with the March meeting (Emily-Pat).

Wanda said we couldn't solve all the problems at once. The number of guests was one problem and the limited kitchen was another. She asked Pat to form a committee to study long-range options for the kitchen and come up with 3-4 recommendations. Pat said she would be glad to.

Sunshine: Sharon said her Sunshine Committee is getting started. They are developing activities to support

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Club members who can no longer come to meetings. They plan to provide a meal or meals, give rides to meetings, deliver food and visit shut-ins. The committee needs a list of people who need such assistance.

The Board noted that Tom Salabert has been doing a very good job and has been extremely helpful.

Other Business: Margaret announced that after three meetings the Nominating Committee had a slate for 2005-6:

President: Janna Stevens
1st Vice President: Karen Holman
2nd Vice President: Ellie Heister
Treasurer: Lanie Wheeler
Recording Scty: Louise Beattie
Correspond. Scty: Sharon Small
Finance Officer: Emily Renzel
Directors for 1 Yr: Iris Korol
Pat Davis
Elizabeth Moder-Stern
Wanda Cavanaugh
Directors for 2 Yrs: Judith Schwartz
Margaret Feuer
Linda Anderson/Page

Wanda reported that the Federation of Woman's Clubs was having their Annual Meeting/Convention in Monterey in March. We will send them $25 in lieu of a gift basket for their raffle.

The Meeting was adjourned @ 6:40 PM

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## Membership Report

1. 19 applicants are on the waiting list.
2. Mary Law has resigned.

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**House and Grounds Report:**

1. **H&G plans to install air conditioning in the building to facilitate Rentals and member comfort and to replace old attic furnaces: $17,280.00**

2. **Insulate the attic: $3,643.56**

3. **Electrician will investigate the possibility of 1 more outlet in the Kitchen and install 220 for air conditioner and dishwasher.**

**Margaret Feuer, H&G Chair**

**Article X - Nominations & Elections (Yearbook page 40)** 2/5/05

**Section 1.** there shall be a Nominataing Committee of five (5) members who are present, elected by the Club at the January meeting. This committee shall report at the March meeting. Additional nomiinations for Officers and Board Members may be made from the floor at the March meeting and on the day of election. Consent of the nominee must have been obtained before the nomination.

**Section 2.** Election of officers shall be held the third Wednesday in April. In the event of only one candidate for an office, the President may declare the election. **No member shall be eligible for the same office for more than two consecutive years, or until her successor is elected.** In an emergency she shall remain until the office is filled. A waiting period of one year is necessary before becoming eligible for the same office.

**Typical process**

Immediately following the January luncheon, the Nominating Committee holds an organizing meeting and elects a chair.

Current Board members are polled to see if they wish to remain on the Board.

Board members who have served in one position for two consecutive years must move to a new position. (See Section 2 above)

Once vacancies have been determined, the Committee Meets and considers persons to nominate for the vacancies. It is determined who will contact each potential nominee to see if she is interested and the results are reported to the Chair. The Committee may want to designate "Second Choices" in case of persons not wishing to serve. That way a second meeting can be averted.

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**Sample Phone Call for Potential Board Members:***

**Hi! This is Jane Doe from the Woman's Club. I'm calling for the Nominating Committee. We want to thank you for your service as ------.**

**Since your term is up, we wondered if you would like to be:**
**an Officer (if they are a Director)**
**or**
**if you would like to serve as a Director or in another Officer's position (if they are an Officer.)**

**If they say NO, thank them for their service.**

**If they say YES, ask which position they are interested in. If they state a position, make sure you inform them of that Position's duties. (This includes Directors who are all expected to perform some duty eg Newsletter Editor, liason to a Club committee, etc.)**

**If the answer to the above question was YES, tell them that the Nominating Committee is currently formulating a slate of interested Board members and that you will be back in touch when this slate is assembled.**

**Don't forget to call them back regardless of whether or not they have been chosen for the slate.**
***First call the current Board; then call suggested members.**

Margaret Feuer, compiler

Women's Club Nominating Committee Jan-Feb 05

Anne Ercolani, Carolyn Emmerson, Margaret Feuer,

Jeanne McDonnell. Elizabeth Moder-Stern

| | Actual | potential |
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| President | Jana Stevens | |
| 1st v-p. | _____ | _____ |
| 2nd v.p. | _____ | _____ |
| Treas | _____ | _____ |
| Record Secy | Louise Beattie | |
| Corres Secy | _____ | _____ |
| Finance Ofcr | _____ | _____ |
| ~~One~~ Two Year Dir. | Wanda Cavanaugh | |
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| ~~Two~~ Year Dir | Pat Davis | |
| | Iris Korol | |
| | Elizabeth Moder-Stern | |

Other current board members needing to be reported on:

Margaret Feuer,

Emily Renzel

Sharon Small

Karen Holman

Ellie Heister [Jeanne called her]

Carol Hubenthal

Jennifer Kleckner

Julie Jerome [going off board]

Potential New Board Members: Carolyn Emmerson, Barbara Martin

## 2005-2006 Nominations Matrix – Worksheet

| | Office | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **President** | Wanda Cavanaugh | Wanda Cavanaugh | Jana Stevens |
| 2 | **First VP** | Enid Pearson | Jana Stevens | |
| 3 | **Second VP** | Margaret Feuer | Margaret Feuer | |
| 4 | **Treasurer** | Emily Renzel | Emily Renzel | |
| 5 | **Recording Secretary** | Sharon Small | ~~Celiene O'Hara~~ (resigning 1/05) | |
| 6 | **Corresponding Sec'y** | Connie Fasani | Sharon Small | |
| 7 | **Finance Officer** | Julie Jerome | Julie Jerome | |
| 7 | **Directors for One Year** | Iris Korol<br>Jana Stevens<br>Ella Vandervoort | Karen Holman<br>Ellie Heister<br>Carol Hubenthal<br>~~Jennifer Kleckner~~ | |
| 7 | **Directors for Two Years** | Karen Holman<br>Ellie Heister<br>Carol Hubenthal<br>Jennifer Kleckner | Pat Davis<br>Iris Korol<br>Elizabeth Moder-Ster | |

# Woman's Club of Palo Alto Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 2, 2005, 5:00 pm

Minutes:

NEXT MEETING: April 6, 2005

Present: Louise Beattie, Wanda Cavanaugh, Pat Davis, Margaret Feuer, Ellie Heister Carol Hubenthal, Julie Jerome, Jennifer Kleckner, Iris Korol, Elizabeth Moder-Stern, Emily Renzel, Jana Stevens and a guest, Angela Bumbera .

Minutes: The Minutes were approved as distributed. Iris/Ellie

Treasurer's Report: Emily reported that "Due to several large Board approved expenditures" she had moved $7,000 from our Money Market Account into our Checking account. As of the date of the meeting the balances in the accounts are: Checking: $6,395.40, Money Market: $18,318.10, Philanthropy: $14,765.27, Building Fund: $33,020.55. Total Funds on Hand: $72,499.32

We are going to get a wireless microphone for $93.00

The treasurer's report was accepted: Margaret/Julie.

Rentals: Elizabeth reported that we had rental income of $2,075 and expenses of $1130 with a net for the month of $945.00. The Board praised the Club's advertisement in the weekly.

Membership: Margaret reported that we now have 21 applications for membership. The first dues invoices go out to the membership March 31; the second/final dues letters go out April 30; the April and May Newsletters will remind the membership that the deadline is May 31 and after that date, persons who have not paid their dues will be dropped and new members will be admitted. If a member who has resigned reapplies within 18 months, she can be put at the head of the waiting list and will be admitted at the next vacancy.

Philanthropy: Iris reported that her dedicated Philanthropy committee had visited all the sites and had agreed to give grants to 8 organizations. The total amount of the grants is $12,000. The organizations are:

1. BUILD – Business United in Inventing & Lending & Development, A group connected with the Stanford Business School which mentors East Palo Alto youth and helps them develop and produce products. $2,500.

2. Community Breast Health, a grant to help provide screening, and diagnostic tests for uninsured women under 40 years of age. $2,500.

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3. Friends of Deer Hollow Farm (Mountain View): a grant for Scholarships for low-income schools to take children K – 4 to the farm. $1,000.

4. Palo Alto Community Child Care, a grant for books and materials. Bookplates will be made to recognize our donation. $1,500.

5. Palo Alto Housing Corporation, which is about to open 53 new units, a grant to provide services such as vocational training and credit advice. Their clientele is largely women and children.$1,500.

6. Ragazzi - Peninsula Boys Chorus Group, which teaches its members music theory and to read music, a grant to purchase theory materials. $750.

7. Support Network for Battered Women, a grant for a shredder and office equipment. Since living facilities are secret, shredding is one of their largest expenses. $1,500.

8. West Bay Opera, a grant to provide in-school programs for Title III schools. To give the children in these schools the opportunity to see live opera. $750.

We will give out the awards at our May 18 Membership Luncheon and invite representatives from each organization to receive them. Iris asked for approval of her committee's decisions. Approved: Julie/Pat.

There was a discussion about lunch seating for the guests. We have 20 tables and 150 chairs; we have 200 sets of cutlery and 160 soup spoons.

Iris will invite 2 people from each of the above organizations to the luncheon, and she and Jennifer will arrange seating for them.

Note to remind people who call for reservations for guests that the fee is now $10.

Several Board members signed up to help cook for the extra-large May meeting.

We are all to wear hats to the March luncheon meeting.

House and Grounds: Jana reported that the installation of 2 new Air Conditioner/Furnace combinations would be completed this week and permits were in the mail.

The electrical service in the kitchen has been upgraded with a new sub panel and 3 new duplex outlets on separate circuits. The junction boxes in the ball room have been removed and new speakers (for Club use only) have been installed in the ball room. Also, we are getting a new wireless microphone.

During this construction the hot water heater burst, so Jana had it replaced.

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Jana's brother Scott did all this work for us. While he was in the attic he noticed that some of the structural members have split. Three have cracks in them and one is cracked. Jana has set up a meeting with a structural engineer to look at it. The Board applauded Jana for all of her hard work!!

House Preservation: Angela Bumbera reported that the House Preservation Committee has been formed and they have created a Mission Statement. Their primary goal is to preserve the Club House. They intend to make long term plans and to survey the membership. Angela questioned how to keep up momentum and interest in the project and suggested that some small improvements might inspire enthusiasm. She suggested that Rentals and House and Grounds join House Preservation to get an overview of their task.

The Board thanked Angela for the long term vision.

Luncheon: Pat thanked Julie and Beverly for the job they did at the February dinner meeting. There were over 100 people and they had plenty of food. Philanthropy made $350.selling wine.

Pat said that people now prefer having 2-3 chairmen for the luncheons.
She also said that she had received many suggestions as how to improve our luncheons (controlling the number of people, membership commitment, reservations, quality/quantity of food, etc.) and she needed to pare them down to a few. She planned to form a committee. Jana said she is willing to draft a questionnaire for the membership. The Board members are to give her 3 questions.

Sunshine – Sharon absent, no report.

New Business: Margaret reported that Jean Althouse runs retreats and perhaps she would help us with one for the new Board this summer. It is common for Boards to have retreats and they can be very helpful. Wanda asked Margaret and Jean to pursue it.

The May Luncheon meeting was discussed: After the Philanthropy awards Julie Jerome will install the new officers. After the meeting Edith Zitelli will sing.

We need to recover the extra keys to the Clubhouse door. Board members are asked to check to see if they have extras and return them.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Louise Beattie

**Minutes Search**
**re Structural Repairs and**
**Other House & Grounds Matters**
**March 18, 1971 thru March 5, 1973**
**by Emily Renzel** 3.2005

**3/18/71**: "Work is advancing on the stairs. the lighting project is under the direction of the Fire Dept. It was moved seconded and passed that we comply with the fire regulations. It was suggested that we inform the club membrs of the necessitites for improvement to the clubhouse and the costs entailed in doing this project." (ER note: This was probably the "EXIT" lighting that is very specialized.) There was also discussion re the janitor problem - centering on whether to hire an old retired person or a younger, stronger person.)

**4/5/71:** "The steps are completed. Work underway on the termite project. Tree project is being completed. Lighting estimates were given. The floors will be redone as the first job was defective. the drapes have been selected and will be completed by the middle of the month."

**5/19/71:** "Attention was called to the new drapes."

**6/2/71:** "Mrs. Edmiston thanked Mrs. John Burke for the entry lights in the house."

**8/23/71:** The wiring has been completed and brought up to standards. The approximate cost was $700. Lawns have been aerated and fertilized. The Committee is working on the new lighting."

**10/4/71:** A thorough investigation of the clubhouse showed there were no stumps as previously reported by a termite man.

**11/1/71:** Mrs. Edmiston reported the concern of members about the cracks in the ceiling of the ballroom. When repaired it will probably require a paint job for the room.

**11/2/71:** Report that one painter gave a price of $260 for repairing and painting the crack, without painting the whole room. Committee will get two more bids. They are looking at the purchase of new lighting fixtures.

**2/25/72 Finances.** Checking $3506, Savings $18,627, Endowment $46.17, Scholarship Fund $334.93. **Total: $22,514.10**

**3/1/72:** President asked House and Grounds Committee to take care of the purchase and installation of the mirror in the dressing room with the $50 donation in memory of Alma Cook.

**5/1/72:** A Board member raised the "necessity of a screen door at the back of the tea room." The Committee is still looking for a light fixture. An inventory of the club was taken. (That inventory is available in the Treasurer's records, I believe. ER)

**5/3/72:** Mrs. Edmiston reported that there is a fireproof filing cabinet in the furnace

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room. (ER note: This is the cement and steel cabinet now in our storage room.)

**7/3/72:** Mrs. Edmiston reported about the window repair and painting to be done.

**7/26/72 EMERGENCY MEETING**: "An emergency meeting was held at the Cultural Center. Mrs. Edmiston introduced Lloyd McVicker and Paul McKim who gave us a description of the clubouse. The building is 55 years old. By climbing in the attic the men found that the rafters holding up the roof were cracked thus causing the crack in the ceiling (of the ballroom). The left wall is bowed. Since the ceiling is unsafe, the building cannot be occupied. After much discussion it was decided that the House and Grounds Committee get the Engineer, Mr. McVicker, to submit a drawing and written report on what should be done to make the building safe for occupancy and then the committee will get three bids for the needed work on the clubhouse." Then a notice of a special meeting will be sent to all members.

**8/15/72:** Mrs. Edmiston read the structural contract from Mr. McVicker, including redesign for repair of the elements causing the stress (on the roof/ceiling).

**9/6/72:** SPECIAL MEETING: Mrs Edmiston reported that six sets of plans were sent out for bid. Two bids came back. One bid for $22,000 was too vague. Mr. McKim's bid of $23,600 included railing repaired, floors polished, foundation wedged, eave repair, and shortening of the grey drapes, besides all of the structural repairs recommended in the contract. Work is to be completed by 10/26/72. He will lower the ceiling, taking care of the stresses. The city will OK a repair but not rebuilding. Mr. McVickers will charge $120 to follow the job being done in addition to his $1800 fee for the plans. Mr. McKim will be paid in three installments: 1. When demolition is completed, 2. When the attic structure is completed, and 3. when the job is completed. The building fund currently has $400 in it. The Motion to approve a contract with McKim was amended to include rewiring and installation of new light fixtures ($1170) was passed. (ER note: I believe this is when the Life Memberships were begun - in order to raise needed funds for this repair. Maybe the History Committee can review the yearbooks for 1972-73 and 1973-74 to see just how many Life Members there were.)

**9/20/72:** Mrs. Edmiston reported that Mr. McKim can't pull in the bulge. Whitsons will hang the drapes on 11/1/72 giving us new cords on some drapes.

**10/30/72:** Motion passed to establish a building fund.

ER note: Interestingly, other than the above minutes, most of the meeting discussions centered on day to day activities such as bridge, the fashion show, what the jr. club was doing, small donations to various charitable work, etc. etc. It was a huge job and expenditure and undoubtedly a lot of work for the House and Grounds Committee, but it didn't appear that the Board was unduly concerned. In my cursory review, I found no big discussion of how to finance this.

**3/5/73:** The theme of the Fashion Show was "Rebuildng Our Clubhouse."

ER note: The new 1972 drapes were grey. The ones we replaced in 1996 were peach colored. So apparently the peach drapes were installed in the 1980's.)

**Quick Summary of House & Grounds Work since March 2000** 3·2005

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| 1997 | landscaping in front | Margaret Feuer/Mary McCullough |
| 1997 | new curtains | Margaret Feuer & Committee |
| 3/00 | ballroom floor screened | Margaret Feuer |
| | dishwasher research | Emily Renzel |
| 12/00 | Plans for Foyer, BridesRoom & Office | Barbara Carlitz/committee |
| | White loading zone painted | Emily Renzel |
| | Tree trimming estimates | Emily Renzel |
| | Property survey - cost recovery | Emily Renzel |
| 1/01 | Bids for Brides Room & Office | Margaret Feuer |
| | Trees trimmed | Emily Renzel |
| | Donation of new trashcan-Women's | Emily Renzel (in lieu of Prez gift) |
| | Discussion of driveway parking | Ella Vandervoort/Committee |
| 2/01 | Bid for Board room received | Margaret Feuer |
| | New console table in foyer | Margaret Feuer |
| 3/01 | Revision of Bride's room plan | Margaret Feuer/committee |
| 5/01 | Work on Bride's room | Margaret Feuer/committee |
| | Mirror | Jana Stevens/Karen Holman |
| | Light sconces | Karen Holman/Emily Renzel |
| | carpet | committee |
| | cabinetry for office in progress | Margaret Feuer |
| | Paint colors | Committee |
| 2/02 | more bids for office cabinetry | Jana Stevens/Emily Renzel |
| | (Problems with Kevin...) | |
| | Fence plan for boundary w. 469 | Emily Renzel |
| 3/02 | gutters cleaned | Emily Renzel |
| 4/02 | car crash into corner of building | Margaret Feuer |
| | skylight leak repair, minor roof | Margaret Feuer |
| | continuing problems with Kevin | Jana Stevens |
| | antique rug for office | Karen Holman |
| 5/02 | Accident repair complete | Margaret Feuer |
| | windows & mirrors cleaned | Emily Renzel |
| | bids sought for sideyard fencing | Emily Renzel |
| | New rug in foyer | Jana Stevens/Committee |
| | New light in boardroom | Jana Stevens/Committee |
| | Driveway vegetation pruned | Emily Renzel |
| | Temporary banquette cushion | Emily Renzel |

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| 2/05 | A/C bids | Margaret Feuer |
| | Insulation bids | Margaret Feuer |
| | Chair information | Jennifer Kleckner |
| 3/05 | A/C/furnace installed | Margaret Feuer/Committee |
| | Electrical work | Margaret Feuer/Emily Renzel |
| | New speakers | Jana Stevens |
| | New water heater | Jana Stevens |

# Agenda
# Women's Club Board
# April 6, 2005

**Welcome – Wanda Cavanaugh**

**Call to Order**

**Minutes – Louise Beattie**

**Treasurer's Report – Emily Renzel**
-Budget planning

**Rentals—Jennifer Kleckner or Elizabeth Moder-Stern**

**Membership – Margaret Feuer**

**Philanthropy – Iris Korol**

**House and Grounds – Jana Stevens or Caroline Willis**

**House Preservation**—Angela Bumbera or member

**Lunch Committee Updates—Pat Davis**
-Discussion Lunch Subcommittee Report

**Sunshine – Sharon Small**
-Report on Reach Out campaign

**New/other business:**
-Hedy McAdams, fundraiser line dance program here in fall
-Election review

**Next Meeting: May 4, 2005 5:00 PM**

# Woman's Club of Palo Alto Board Meeting

Minutes: April 6, 2005

NEXT MEETING: May 4, 2005, 5:00 pm

Present: Louise Beattie, Wanda Cavanaugh, Pat Davis, Margaret Feuer, Ellie Heister, Karen Holman, Carol Hubenthal, Julie Jerome, Jennifer Kleckner, Elizabeth Moder-Stern, Emily Renzel, Sharon Small. Absent: Iris Korol.

Treasurer's Report: Emily reported that although the account balance as of 4/5/05 is higher, when all the bills are paid and the checks have cleared our balance will be $3897.04. She reported that "Dues notices were recently sent and we can expect $16,875.00 in dues to be coming in…" The Board voted to note and file the Treasurer's Report for audit. Julie/Pat.

Rentals: Elizabeth Moder-stern noted we need a plunger. Emily will get one.

Jennifer reported that in the month of March we had income of $3,000 and Disbursements of $2,380. There will be a coin show at the Club on April 7-8.

Jennifer reported that "Here Comes the Guide" was offering to put a "Virtual Tour" of our facilities on their web site for $200, which she felt would be a valuable marketing tool and at a very reasonable price. We would schedule the photographer to take the180 degree shot on a day when the Club was looking its best. The Board voted to authorize Jennifer to spend up to $200 for the180 degree view. Ellie/Margaret

Membership: Margaret reported that we have 24 applicants for membership. Margaret and Ellie mailed out the first Dues letter March 1 and will send out a final Dues Letter on April 30. Her report reads: "May Newsletter should contain dues notice" and "May 31st – New members will be notified."

Philanthropy: Iris was absent, but she had reported on the awards at the last meeting.

House and Grounds: Jana reported that the new air conditioner has been installed and works. Unfortunately, the company that installed the unit did not obtain a permit before doing the work and, according to the Palo Alto zoning codes, the air conditioner appears to have been placed 10 feet too close to the street. (Code is 75' back from the street; our unit is 65' back, but it cannot be located 75' back because of stairs.) We identified two options: apply for a variance, which would be costly, or relocate the unit. We had not paid the A/C company the final $1000 installment of the $17,000 fee, which had been held until the work was signed off by the City.

The Board agreed that we need to have the work installed legally and that the contractor was at fault for neglecting to obtain a permit. The Board agreed to ask House and Grounds to work with the contractor. They were directed to apply for a permit for the air conditioner and, if necessary, to try to get a variance for it.

House Preservation: Karen reported that the committee had met and reviewed the mission statement and purpose and discussed how to raise funds. They studied their task in relation to House and Grounds. They see their mission as working with House and Grounds, but on a broader scale and with a longer timeline. They ask the question: "What would you really like to do?" while House and Grounds looks at immediate tasks. Karen was also interested in a fund-raising project.

Lunch Committee: Pat reported that her committee had met and been very focused and efficient. The minutes of their meeting and their suggestions are included with these minutes. They identified 3 problem areas, reservations, guests and meals, and made recommendations. They will reevaluate the situation in June. She recommended that the the Luncheon Committee have two chairwomen.

Pat said that the new system of making reservations for guests worked well. The new $10 guest fee did not discourage people from bringing guests (7) and everyone who brought a guest had made a reservation. The Board praised Pat and thanked her for her work.

Sunshine: Sharon said that she had doesn't know all of the people who could use help, and she needs input from Club members. Members of the Board gave a few suggestions. She will write an article for the Newsletter asking the membership for assistance in identifying members who could be helped by her committee.

New/Other Business:

The Board voted to give a donation of $50 to the Philanthropy Committee in honor of John Salabert. Emily/Sharon. Emily will notify Tom and Doris of our gift.

Emily asked that everyone whose committee has budgetary needs to check last year's budget and get in touch with her. She will be working on next year's budget.

Hedy McAdams, a member, has volunteered to give a series of Line Dances for the Club as a fundraiser next fall. This was discussed enthusiastically!

The Chess Club is succeeding with a few players who are not Club members.

At the Luncheon meeting next month we will hold the election of officers by a voice vote.

The Board voted on supporting the Storm Drain Proposal. The vote was 6-4 against supporting it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Louise Beattie

**The WOMAN'S CLUB of Palo Alto**
March 7, 2005

COMMITTEE TO STUDY LUNCH AND DINNER CONCERNS
To be known as CSLDC

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** by Pat Davis, Chair, Jean Dawes, Sarah French, Carol Hubenthal, Elizabeth Moder-Stern, Lolly Osborne, Emily Renzel, and President Elect, Jana Stevens

**1. Reservations, 2. Guests, 3. Meal Planning/Preparations/Clean-up**

**1. RESERVATIONS** – It was agreed on unanimously not to pursue EVITE, an electronic website which would have enabled members to RSVP with a YES, - to monthly meeting.. It was agreed by all, not to pursue any other formal reservation system, i.e. phone tree, message machine, or designated person. The committee spoke of liking the spontaneity we presently enjoy, especially the informal way of planning for meals. If the attendance continues to grow, and meal planning becomes a larger problem, there may be a need for a formal system. But for now, the feeling of this committee is to "wait and see", continuing to go along in a more casual manner.

**2. GUESTS** - Limiting the number of guests.
**1. We recommend:** ***one guest per member per year.***
**2. We recommend:** ***a guest can attend one meeting only*****, even if she is on the "wait list".**
**3. We recommend to:** ***stop encouraging members to bring the same guest each month.***

Children attending our meetings was discussed. It was felt that members pay to belong to a woman's club, and that only children over the age of 16 should come as guests, none younger. Further discussion centered on our thoughts that the club is a place for adults to gather, work together, and sit together at meals. It is suggested that the Board entertain the idea of a Mother-Daughter Tea, or party in the near future to satisfy the need for the younger mothers to participate with their daughters using the club facility.

**It is the unanimous recommendation of CSLDC that the Board of Directors:**
***write a letter to any member that brings young children to monthly meetings suggesting that children are not appropriate for Woman's Club meeting.***
**The letter should be nice, but firm in saying that the club is for adults.**

**CSLDC recommended that:** ***the Bylaws of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto be updated to reflect a specific age of 16 years old for guests attending meetings, and to specify that the Club is for adult women.***

**3. MEAL PLANNING, PREPARATION AND CLEAN-UP –**

Dishwasher –It was decided to ask the monthly meal Chairs to designate a couple of her committee members to stay and hand wash dishes rather than leave such enormous loads for Tom.

Meals – Very simple meals that may be served on one plate such as one salad plate or one soup bowl. Eliminate dessert and bread & butter plates. Hire a caterer for a couple of the meals. Members bringing a bag lunch for a meeting where we would be seated in a theatre style arrangement rather than at formal tables.

**The CSLDC made these recommendations for future actions:**

1. **Have a meeting in early September for all monthly Chairs and have an in person walk through describing the use of the kitchen and Club house facilities, and the things that can be used i.e. dishes, pots & pans, utensils, table cloths etc. Demonstrate how to start the stove, dishwasher and the correct plugs for coffee and hot water. Get all monthly Chairs familiar with the process early in the year.**
2. **Host a thank you luncheon at the end of the year for all the monthly Chairs.**
3. **Create an Evaluation Form that each monthly Chair will fill out evaluating her meal and asking for ways to improve the system**
4. **Continue asking several women to act as Co-Chairs rather than one Chair per month.**

**Other suggestions for the good of the Club are to created a new Committee of Centerpiece and Floral Designers.**

**ADDITION to the minutes from Pat Davis:**
**The Board of Director Chair for Lunch and Dinners needs to be a co-chaired job with a committee, otherwise, all of the above new responsibilities fall to one person.**

MEMBERSHIP
APRIL 6, 2005

24 Applicants for Membership

April 1 - Ist dues letter sent out to membership

April 6 - email sent

April 30 - 2nd and final dues letter will be sent out.

May 31st - New members will be notified

May Newsletter should contain dues notice.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret R. Feuer
Membership

The Palo Alto Woman's Club
General Meeting
April 20, 2005

Minutes:

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Wanda Cavanaugh

Announcements: Wanda reminded the membership that annual dues were due now. She also announced that after the conclusion of the May Luncheon our member Edith Zitelli will give a brief program.

Election of Officers: Nominating Chair Jeanne McDonnell reported on the Committee's recommendations and asked for nominations from the floor. There being no nominations from the floor, the following slate of Officers and Board Members was duly elected:

Jana Stevens, President
Karen Holman, 1st Vice President
Ellie Heister, 2nd Vice President
Lanie Wheeler, Treasurer
Louise Beattie, Recording Secretary
Sharon Small, Corresponding Secretary
Emily Renzel, Finance Officer

| | |
|---|---|
| Directors for 1 year: | Iris Korol |
| | Pat Davis |
| | Elizabeth Moder-Stern |
| | Wanda Cavanaugh |
| Directors for 2 years: | Judith Schwartz |
| | Margaret Feuer |
| | Linda Anderson/Page |

There being no further business to bring before the Membership, the General Meeting was adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Louise Beattie, Recording Secretary

**Jana Stevens**

**From:** Wanda Cavanaugh [Wanda@windwardpr.com]
**Sent:** Sunday, May 08, 2005 10:24 AM
**To:** Carol Hubenthal; Elizabeth Moder-Stern; Ellie Heister; Emily Renzel; Iris Korol; Jana Stevens; Jennifer Kleckner; Julie Jerome; Karen Holman; Louise Beattie; Margaret Feuer; Pat Davis; Sharon_Small; Wanda Cavanaugh
**Subject:** May 11 Woman's Club Board Agenda

**Agenda**
**Woman's Club of Palo Alto Board**
**May 11, 2005**

**Welcome - Wanda Cavanaugh**

**Call to Order**

**Thank You to Outgoing Board Members:**
**Julie Jerome, Jennifer Kleckner, Carol Hubenthal**

**Minutes - Louise Beattie**

**Treasurer's Report - Emily Renzel**

**Rentals-Jennifer Kleckner or Elizabeth Moder-Stern**

**Membership - Margaret Feuer**

**Philanthropy - Iris Korol**
3rd Annual High Tea for WC Philanthropy
Weds. September 28th- 2:30 plus
Sharon Heights Country Club
Price-same as last year, $35. per person
It will be great fun-outdoors on the terrace-they do a great job and it will be "Tea and Tees" (or something clever-maybe).

**House and Grounds - Jana Stevens or Caroline Willis**

**House Preservation-**

**Lunch Committee Updates-Pat Davis**
-Review Lunch Subcommittee Recommendations against what we've observed

**Sunshine - Sharon Small**

**New/other business:**
-Budget status
-Job and Achievement Reports

**Next Meeting, Joint Board: June 1, 2005 Margaret Feuer's House at noon.**

Wanda Cavanaugh
Windward Communications
-Strategic Public Relations-
240 Echo Lane, Suite C 650.851.0880

• Webster Cobwebs
• TY note to CW for clippings

Palo Alto Woman's Club Board Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2005

Next Meeting Joint Board, June 1 at noon

Present: Louise Beattie, Wanda Cavanaugh, Pat Davis, Margaret Feuer, Karen Holman, Carol Hubenthal, Elizabethe Moder-Stern, Emily Renzel, Jana Stevens

Wanda opened her last meeting as President of the Palo Alto Woman's Club by saying that she had enjoyed the past two years very much and that she had grown and learned a lot.

The Board voted to approve the Mosquito Abatement Program's proposal to increase (by $3.00) our fee to $8.36 in order to allow increased targeted spraying for West Nile Virus. Jana/Margaret

Rentals: Elizabeth said that the rental prospects were disappointing. She had had four appointments to show the Club but only one prospect. There are no rentals on the horizon. Discussion followed. Some comments were that the Club looked dreary, that we need to have the windows and the Club cleaned thoroughly and the floors done, that the front porch needs sprucing up, that maybe Tom needs supplemental help.

Karen and Jana suggested that perhaps we should have a "Work Day" for spring cleaning. Jana said that she would talk to Tom and discuss his job description with him. Wanda noted that the Club has changed and that the time Tom had allotted for his job before was no longer adequate.

Pat said that both the House and Grounds and Luncheons committees are too small for the increased size of the Club and that there should be more people to carry their responsibilities. Karen agreed that the jobs should be reorganized to reflect the Club's increased size.

House and Grounds: Emily said that the painter had begun working by the front door. Karen will look into a new door mat for the front porch. New urns/planters were suggested for the porch.

Fundraising was discussed. Hedy McAdams is willing to organize Line Dancing as a fundraiser for the Club, perhaps in early November. We need to get a committee.

Membership: Margaret said that we now have 238 members, which includes 12 Honorary Members. The By-laws state that we will have 225. The Board voted that we keep the membership at 225 Active Members plus the Honorary Members, whatever their number might be. Karen/Margaret. Margaret said we currently have space for 4 new members.

Margaret had compiled a list of 27 women on the waiting list to become members.

The Board approved the entire list for membership. Jana/Jennifer. The women will be added to membership in the order in which they applied. The list will be included with the minutes.

Margaret suggested that instead of sending two letters to members notifying them of the dues deadline that one, along with e-mail and Bulletin reminders, would be adequate. The Board agreed.

At the September Luncheon Meeting new members will be welcomed and each Committee
Chairman will discuss her committee.

Birthday Month tables, where all people who have birthdays in that month sit together,was suggested as a way to introduce members to each other.

Treasurer's Report: Emily said that lots of dues had been deposited and she presented the Kawaguchi statement for March. The report was noted and filed for audit. Margaret/Jennifer.
The Board thanked Emily for the fine job she did this year.

Emily reported that she, Lanie Wheeler and Ann Ercolani were going to meet the following
Saturday to discuss next year's budget.

Philanthropy: There will be a "High Tea in The Garden" at the Sharon Heights Country Club on Wednesday, September 28 at 2:30 pm. The cost will be $35 per person. This notice should be in the newsletter.

House Preservation: There was no House Preservation report. Jennifer will work on a Mardi Gras Fundraiser. We also will have Line Dancing in the fall as noted.

Emily said that Julie will make sign-up sheets for committees for the June Luncheon.

Luncheons: Pat said that the last two luncheons have worked very well. There were 7 guests in April. Pat said that she had sat at the sign-in desk and recommended that the Chairperson sit at the desk at future luncheons.

Pat reported that there was a luncheon committee person at each table to help clearing before the speaker began. This helps get one dishwasher load done early but it was noted that the waitresses should be careful to be quiet and unobtrusive.

Edith Zitelli is scheduled to sing for about 20 minutes after the meeting.

At the next Board Meeting we will discuss the Luncheon Committee's recommendations

Sunshine: Emily reported for Sharon that Joyce Voorhies, an honorary Member, is

at Lytton Gardens, recovering well from a stroke.

Closing: Wanda asked the Board to write a recap of their duties for a 'Procedure Book'. Include: things to remember, what is important, etc.

Emily reminded the Board to surrender any extra keys.

The June Board meeting will be Wednesday, June 1st at Margaret Feuer's house at noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Beattie

**JEANNE ALTHOUSE, Nonprofit Board Development Consultant**
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Phone: (650) 326-4305 Fax: (650) 321-5902 email: jeannealthouse@att.net

Letter of Agreement DRAFT

Date: May 2, 2005

To: Jana Stevens, President
The Woman's Club of Palo Alto
730 Bryant Street
Palo Alto, California 94301
jstevens@pxsys.com
650 327-0370

Copies to Retreat Planning Committee: Julie Jerome and Wanda Cavanaugh

From: Jeanne Althouse, Consultant
Nonprofit Board Development

## I. Overview

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto has been extremely successful over the past several years and its purpose "promoting friendship, self improvement and community involvement" remains strong since its beginnings in 1894. However, the Woman's Club has reached a point where its leaders need to address how to manage the larger membership organization that it has become. Solutions for several immediate issues such as meal planning for larger groups and developing activities of interest to members are felt to be in good hands in various existing committees. However, several larger, longer term issues face the organization such as securing funding for significant improvements and emergency maintenance reserves for the building, ensuring that the By-Laws are up to date and meet current new legal requirements for nonprofit organizations, and developing a Board and Committee structure (including an involved community of gaveleers) that ensures active rotation and participation of members and finally, the need for a longer term plan that sets priority goals and reduces vulnerability.

To assist the Woman's Club in this effort, I propose to provide the Board of Directors and other invitees (up to 25 people) facilitation for a retreat to be scheduled in late August or September. Although I am a member of the Club, I will "take off my Club hat" and approach this work as a "professional facilitator". In this regard, the Woman's Club will agree to do the same.

## II. Retreat Objectives and Desired Outcomes

The retreat objectives and desired outcomes are as follows:

- Brief Historical Overview of the Organization: confirmation of the mission and celebration of current success
- A Shared Vision for the future: discussion of the future goals
- Concepts for a two-year plan and next steps
- Ideas for the best Board/Committee structure and process and next steps
- Ideas to achieve financial security and next steps.

**Project Design**

My services will include the following:

July or August planning meeting with Retreat Planning Committee (includes preparing draft agenda): 2 hours
Retreat preparation (final agenda, logistics): 2 hours
Retreat Facilitation: 4 hours
Executive Summary: 2 hours
Estimated time: 10 hours

## III. Professional Fees

Professional Fees normally billed at a nonprofit rate of $100 per hour will be waived for The Woman's Club of Palo Alto.

## IV. Facilitator/Educator Approach

I am a strong advocate for high-level Board performance; believe in development of a Strategic Plan as a tool for action; and am a champion of productive, goal-oriented meetings (Board meetings, retreats, orientation sessions, focus groups). I have served over 20 years in business, as Senior Vice President of Strategic Planning at Visa International, working with Boards of Directors around the world and I directed programs at the Institute for the Future, a nonprofit "think tank". As a community volunteer I have had a variety of experience in leadership positions on several local nonprofit Boards. For the past 3 years I have worked as a Board Development Facilitator and Educator. In my work, I strive to inspire nonprofit Board of Directors to focus on implementing their organization's mission and vision because I believe effective nonprofit work is essential to a high quality of life in our local community.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Althouse
Board Development Consultant

I agree to the above terms.

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto
BY: _____ Date: _____
Jana Stevens, President

# Woman's Club Retreat
# Draft Agenda for Discussion

**Desired Outcomes**

- Discuss and prioritize a long term "vision of success" for Woman's Club
- Develop a draft plan for maintenance of the house and next steps for action on the plan
- Brainstorm meal planning and serving ideas and develop a plan and next steps to engage the membership in solutions
- Develop a plan for regular communications to Club members to keep them involved

Suggested Agenda

Icebreaker and Introductions (15 minutes)

Visioning Exercise (Woman's Club in 20 years: define "success") (30 minutes)

Vote on Top Five "Visions" (Dot Vote) to prioritize (5 minutes)

Confirm Agreement on Ground Rules, Desired Outcomes and Agenda for the Day (10 minutes)

Break

Split into Three Working Groups: House Maintenance Plan, Meal Plan and Member Communications (30 minutes)

Each Group Reports back to Board; gets agreement on next steps and responsibilities (60 minutes)

Return to Vision: Inspiring the Membership: Comments on the day from the Chair (30 minutes)

Conclusions and Celebration (Lunch or Dinner)

## Retreat planning questions

**A. What are the 5 most important issues before the organization today?**

1.

2.

3

4.

5.

**B. Can we use the retreat to move forward on any of these? (If yes, pick top three)**

1.

2.

3.

**C. Is your priority for the retreat mainly (check one):**

____ 1) to encourage the Board to build relationships and work better as a team (understand skills of Board members and develop a plan to use them) or
____2) to focus on developing solutions for the organization's issues (i.e. the Board already works well together), or
____ 3) to plan for the future (envision different paths to longer term success, i.e. develop a strategic plan)?

**D. When the retreat is "over" what do you want to say you accomplished for the day (outcomes/goals)?**

1.

2.

3.

Any Comments:

**E. Where and when will you have the retreat? Discuss logistics (location, room size, layout). How can the location contribute to meeting the goals of the day?**

Suggested Dates and Times:

Suggested Location(s):

Number of Attendees:

What roles will need to be filled?
Facilitator_____
Presenter _____
Meeting Summary _____
Organize supplies, food_____
Other _____

**F. Have you had "boring" retreats in the past? What elements would make this retreat an exceptional experience? How can we make sure that everyone wants to come and is able to attend?**

**G. What advance preparation would help the attendees?**

**H. What other things are on your mind that we might have overlooked?**

**I. Design the agenda.** List the general activities and topic areas for the day. A draft agenda will be developed based on these suggestions.

**G.T. KAWAGUCHI**
*Certified Public Accountant*

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To the Board of Directors
Womens Club of Palo Alto
Palo Alto, CA

I have compiled the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities, and fund balances of the Womens Club of Palo Alto as of **April 30, 2005** and the related statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets or fund balances for the **one month** and **eleven month(s)** then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Company's assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, and expenses. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

May 21, 2005

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
BALANCE SHEET
APRIL 30, 2005

ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| COMERICA SCHOLAR FD #26379 | 12,939.07 | |
| COMERICA # 1891161018 | 15,182.59 | |
| COMERICA #1891184358 | 18,349.30 | |
| COMERICA # 26411 | 33,196.47 | |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | 79,667.43 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 79,667.43 |

FUND BALANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| FUND BALANCE | 79,784.02 | |
| CURRENT EXCESS (DEFICIT) | (116.59) | |
| FUND BALANCE | | 79,667.43 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE | | 79,667.43 |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES
FOR THE ELEVEN PERIODS ENDED APRIL 30, 2005

| | PERIOD TO DATE | | | YEAR TO DATE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ACTUAL | CURR BUDGET | BUDGET VAR | ACTUAL | CURR BUDGET | BUDGET VAR |
| DONATIONS | .00 | 18.75 | (18.75) | .00 | 206.25 | (206.25) |
| EMBERSHIP | 10,525.00 | 875.00 | 9,650.00 | 13,600.00 | 9,625.00 | 3,975.00 |
| FUNDRAISING | .00 | 100.00 | (100.00) | 3,405.25 | 1,100.00 | 2,305.25 |
| UNCHEONS | 424.80 | 291.67 | 133.13 | 3,326.80 | 3,208.37 | 118.43 |
| ENT | 3,800.00 | 4,377.08 | (577.08) | 40,004.50 | 48,147.88 | (8,143.38) |
| MISCELLANEOUS | .00 | .00 | .00 | 452.86 | .00 | 452.86 |
| TEREST EARNED | 96.08 | 75.00 | 21.08 | 912.70 | 825.00 | 87.70 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 14,845.88 | 5,737.50 | 9,108.38 | 61,702.11 | 63,112.50 | (1,410.39) |
| ATING EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| ACTIVITIES/LUNCHEONS | .00 | 83.33 | 83.33 | .00 | 916.63 | 916.63 |
| ROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT | 120.00 | 120.00 | .00 | 1,320.00 | 1,320.00 | .00 |
| GARDENER | 160.00 | 200.00 | 40.00 | 920.00 | 2,200.00 | 1,280.00 |
| ANITORIAL | 550.00 | 466.67 | (83.33) | 5,248.78 | 5,133.37 | (115.41) |
| OUSEHOLD SUPPLIES | 85.10 | 100.00 | 14.90 | 765.08 | 1,100.00 | 334.92 |
| UTILITIES | 383.60 | 375.00 | (8.60) | 4,404.62 | 4,125.00 | (279.62) |
| UILDING FUND | .00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | .00 | 1,100.00 | 1,100.00 |
| TELEPHONE | 172.52 | 133.33 | (39.19) | 1,032.35 | 1,466.63 | 434.28 |
| AXES/PPTY. PERSONAL | .00 | 177.92 | 177.92 | 2,238.25 | 1,957.12 | (281.13) |
| FFICE/POSTAGE | 236.40 | 27.08 | (209.32) | 1,010.07 | 297.88 | (712.19) |
| NEWSLETTER | 252.00 | 250.00 | (2.00) | 693.70 | 2,750.00 | 2,056.30 |
| EARBOOK | .00 | .00 | .00 | 853.67 | .00 | (853.67) |
| UNCHEONS/SOCIALS | .00 | 116.67 | 116.67 | 323.21 | 1,283.37 | 960.16 |
| INSURANCE | .00 | 208.33 | 208.33 | 1,861.00 | 2,291.63 | 430.63 |
| ANK FEE | 11.00 | 10.00 | (1.00) | 61.24 | 110.00 | 48.76 |
| MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES | 223.46 | 8.33 | (215.13) | 594.63 | 91.63 | (503.00) |
| EDERATION DUES | .00 | 254.17 | 254.17 | .00 | 2,795.87 | 2,795.87 |
| EES/PERMITS | 147.00 | 16.67 | (130.33) | 157.00 | 183.37 | 26.37 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | .00 | 8.33 | 8.33 | .00 | 91.63 | 91.63 |
| DS | .00 | .00 | .00 | 1,550.00 | .00 | (1,550.00) |
| REFUNDS | 2,210.00 | 1,033.33 | (1,176.67) | 13,340.00 | 11,366.63 | (1,973.37) |
| GARDEN COMMITTEE | .00 | 83.33 | 83.33 | .00 | 916.63 | 916.63 |
| OUSE & GROUNDS | 2,850.00 | 1,300.00 | (1,550.00) | 22,398.45 | 14,300.00 | (8,098.45) |
| HOUSE MAINTENANCE | 56.83 | 416.67 | 359.84 | 1,812.08 | 4,583.37 | 2,771.29 |
| HILANTHROPY | .00 | 833.33 | 833.33 | 1,234.57 | 9,166.63 | 7,932.06 |
| RESIDENT'S FUND | .00 | 16.67 | 16.67 | .00 | 183.37 | 183.37 |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | 7,457.91 | 6,339.16 | (1,118.75) | 61,818.70 | 69,730.76 | 7,912.06 |
| CESS OR (DEFICIT) | 7,387.97 | (601.66) | 7,989.63 | (116.59) | (6,618.26) | 6,501.67 |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

ECK HISTORY REPORT

*SORTED BY CHECK NUMBER*

ACTIVITY FROM: 04/01/05 TO: 04/30/05

NK CODE: B COMERICA #1891161018

| ECK MBER | CHECK DATE | VENDOR NUMBER | NAME | CHECK AMOUNT | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | REFUND | | 480.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 281 | 04/05/05 | DORT | DORIS SALABERT | 250.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 282 | 04/05/05 | THRT | THOMAS SALABERT | 509.49 | (MANUAL) |
| 283 | 04/05/05 | SBC | SBC | 76.13 | (MANUAL) |
| 284 | 04/05/05 | AT&T | AT & T | 23.41 | (MANUAL) |
| 285 | 04/05/05 | MAER | MARGARET FEUR | 3,073.46 | (MANUAL) |
| 286 | 04/11/05 | ELLER | Ellie Heister | 191.48 | (MANUAL) |
| 287 | 04/11/05 | REFUND | | 480.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 288 | 04/11/05 | ELRN | Elizabeth Moder-Stern | 37.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 289 | 04/11/05 | CIPA | CITY OF PALO ALTO | 383.60 | (MANUAL) |
| 290 | 04/11/05 | PARE | PALO ALTO HARDWARE | 45.61 | (MANUAL) |
| 291 | 04/11/05 | PASD | PAUSD | 252.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 292 | 04/11/05 | KETS | Kelly Moore Paints | 56.83 | (MANUAL) |
| 293 | 04/18/05 | GLPA | GLENN T. KAWAGUCHI, CPA | 120.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 294 | 04/18/05 | RETO | REVENUE COLLECTOR-CITY OF PA | 147.00 | (MANUAL) |
| 295 | 04/18/05 | EMEL | EMILIY RENZEL | 7.92 | (MANUAL) |
| 296 | 04/20/05 | REFUND | | 500.00 | (MANUAL) |
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## Provisional Approval of New Members

**Melissa Blum**, 1502A Portola Ave, Palo Alto, 94306, 566-5651. Lecturer at Stanford Program in Writing and Rhetoric. Volunteer: board member of North County Co-op in Minnesota, literacy tutor, welfare reform and education activist, member Palo Alto Mothers' Club. Interests: creative writing, organic food, early childhood.

**Sherry Burkhardt**, 315 Homer Ave., #102, Palo Alto 94301, 838-9379. Retired pre-school teacher. Volunteer: First Presbyterian Church Elder in Inverness, Florida, Pres. of Condominium Ass'n. Interests: bridge, sewing.

**Mary Dowley**, 460 Maple St., PA. 94301, 325-9459. Retired Doctor's Assistant. Member of Woodside Atherton Auxiliary to Stanford Children's Hospital, University Club. Interests: tennis, walking, travel.

**Sabra Driscoll**, 3691 Laguna Ave, PA. 94306, 493-9407. Homemaker. Volunteered with Allied Arts, PTA, Children's Health Council. Member of Garden Club of P, Symphony League, Menlo Art Club, AAUW, Los Altos Art Club. Interests: painting, gardening, tennis, reading.

**Kathleen Emerson**, 365 Forest Ave., #5A, Palo Alto 94301. Private Mortgage Broker. Volunteer: co-shair of PA Affiliate Bank for the Silver Real Estate members. Interests: scuba diving

**Pat Frankenfield**, 325 Channing Ave., #116, Palo Alto 94301, 462-1270. Retired from assistant to a school district Superintendent. Volunteer, Community Services of Mountain View, Stanford Hospital Gift Shop, and board member of Los Altos Morning Forum. Interests: reading, hiking, travel.

**Karen Grites**, 315 Homer Ave., #102, Palo Alto 94301, 838-9379. Director of Educational Services at Children's Health Council. Volunteer: Peninsula Bible Church Deacon. Interests: walking, tennis.

**Esther Hewlett**, 945 Addison Ave, PA. 94301, 321-3481. Volunteer. Co-founder of Youth Philanthropy Worldwide. Volunteer for Global Fund for Women, CEDPA, PA schools. Member Stanford Cap & Gown, Women's Honor Society.

**Laurie T. Jarrett**, 1844 Hamilton Ave., 94303, 327-2619. Community Volunteer. Volunteer and Member of CAR, Garden Club, Gamble Garden, All Saints. Interests: reading , travel, cooking.

**Julia Keady**, 400 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto 94302, 400-0100. Realtor. Volunteer, PAFE, CDBG, MCFH, Leadership PA, political campaign volunteer. Interests: golf, equestrian, arts.

**Judith R. Kemper**, 326 Addison Ave, PA. 94301, 323-6376. Retired IBM Project Manager and community activist.. Interests: gardening, politics, bee-keeping, reading, friendships and grandchildren.

**Terri Lobdell**, 1828 Bryant Street, PA. 94301, 321-5944, Mom, Community Volunteer and retired lawyer. Former Board member and current fund-raising volunteer for Hidden Villa and Planned Parenthood. Interests: books, flute and piano, hiking and politics.

**Marilyn McDonald**, 1087 Fife Ave., Palo Alto 94301, 321-9985. Retired Archivist and current Foothill College administrator. Member of professional organizations and church volunteer. Interests: quilting, travel.

**Leslie McLaren**, 2681 Ramona Street, Palo Alto 94306, 853-8443. Retired from real estate and as Registered Nurse at Stanford Children's Hospital. Volunteer: Health Library Associate, Pacific Art League Board Member, Filoli, Commonwealth Club. Interests: gardening, investing, home remodels, historic renovation, watercolor, sketching, photography.

**Jan Murphy**, 460 Martinsen Ct, Palo Alto, 94306. 493-2477. Retired. Volunteer: docent for Open Space District, docent for PAST, San Francisco City guide, Sec'y. of PAHA. Interests: walking, reading, antiques.

**Barbara Pande**, 555 Bryant, #208, Palo Alto 94301, 323-0561. Sales Associate at Williams-Sonoma. Volunteer: Filoli, Gamble, Urban Ministry, Woodside Atherton Auxiliary, Garden Club. Interests: books, music, gardening, tennis.

**Joanne Pinsky**, 1855 Hamilton Ave., 94303, 321-2516. Retired; former Registered Nurse in family related research. Interests: education, local politics, travel, photography.

**Sylvia Porter**, 55 Bear Paw, Portola Valley 94028, 851-1038. Travel Agent at Cardoza Bungey. Volunteer: Telesensory Systems trainin consultant for blind products, Ohlone PTA President, fund-raising for YMCA and member of St. Francis Yacht Club and Portola Valley Ass'n. Interests: travel, flower arrenging, art history, reading, grand-parenting.

**Amy Renalds**, 144 Kellogg Ave., Palo Alto 94301, 327-8907. Promotions Director and assistant to PA Weekly publisher. Volunteer: St. Elizabeth Seton Board and tutor for 7 years, Board of Directors of PA Community Fund. Interests: reading , running, hiking.

**Daryl Savage**, 3507 Ross Rd. PA. 94303, 424-8282. Journalist for PA Weekly, Press Sec'y for Assemblyman Joe Simitian, member of PA Rotary, Vice Pres. of Hadassah. Interests: travel, cooking, dogs.

**Jackie Schoelerman**, 674 Loma Verde, Palo Alto, 94306, 855-9090. Real Estate Broker. Member of Menlo Park Rotary. Interests: architecture, construction,socializing, family, volunteer work, travel.

**Carol Shealy**, 70 Waverly Oaks, Palo Alto 94301, 740-3929. Community Volunteer. Tea, Education and Membership Committees at Gamble Garden, Hospitality Committee of PA Garden Club, Founder of PA Police Friends Organization, Lucille Packard, Symphony. Interests: golf, tennis, symphony, gardening, investments, cooking, running.

**Nancy Spangler**, 471 Carolina Lane, Palo Alto 94306, 493-1970. Community Volunteer. Volunteer: Gamble Garden, Education Committee, Stanford Alumni Consulting Team, Garden Club of PA, Leadership Mid-Peninsula. Interests: gardening, sewing, computers.

**Doris Sukiennicki**, 223 Cowper Street, Palo Alto 94301, 325-2653. Physical Therapist. Former volunteer for MS Society and present member of Sierra Club/Fifty Plus Lifelong Fitness. Interests: reading, kayaking, hiking, women's health and fitness issues, environmental issues.

**Sallie Reid Tasto**, 943 Addison Ave., PA. 94301, 324-1824. Psychologist with 22 year therapy practice. Volunteer for Santa Clara County Democratic Party. Member: American and CA. Psycholigical Assoc., National Register of Health Service Providers. Interests: 15 year membership in book group, politics, walking and family.

**Aino Viera da Rosa,** 951 Lincoln Ave, PA. 94301, 328-5670. Architect. Volunteer: interpreter on USS Hope(hospital ship,) City of PA Architectural Review Board, PAHA Board. Interests, cooking, gardening, travel.

**Janet Wells**, 676 Channing, Palo Alto 94301, 462-1067. Creative Memories Consultant. Volunteer: President of Mid Pen. NAACP, Hidden Villa and Boy Scouts Board, Vice Pres. State NAACP, Sec'y. of Gamma Phi Delta, Chair of PA Disabilities Task Force, LWV State Board. Interests: sewing, theatre, politics.

**Synopsis of PAWC Board Minutes re House & Grounds 4/15/05**

**3/5/97 House & Grounds.** Margaret Feuer reported that the front re-landscaping is underway in accordance with suggestions from Mary McCullough. Drip irrigation will be extended to the sideyard so that we can plant bouganvilla on the fence. There is also a possibility of putting flower boxes on the front porch. Inside, we expect the new curtains to be installed on Friday.

**3/1/00 House & Grounds.** The ballroom floor was recently refinished. About $750 of the cost came from event deposits. Margaret Feuer, Chair of the House & Grounds Committee, asked Emily to bring to the Board the idea of getting a high end household dishwasher (eg. Bosch) with a short cycle instead of a commercial dishwasher. (The cost of a commercial dishwasher including electrical and installation work has risen to $5190.) The Board concurred with this approach. Barbara Carlitz recommended that we check the rack sizes to be sure they will accommodate the kinds of dishes/cups/bowls that we have.

**12/6/00** House & Grounds--Margaret Feuer reported that they are looking into the re- furnishing of the foyer, finishing the Brides room and eventually redoing the Board room. Plans have been drawn up and will be implemented as time and money permit. The Committee will meet Friday, December 8 at 3 p.m.

Emily reported that she repainted and labeled our white loading zone in front of the building, and if anyone sees illegal parking, there are yellow TICKET messages in the Board room to put on the windshield of the offending vehicle.

There was discussion regarding the need for trimming the trees along the driveway. Emily will get estimates. Margaret said that it would be approximately $500-$1,000 to do the work. It was agreed that the trimming was much overdue.

Emily reported that the property line survey that was done jointly with the neighbor, John Dunec, involved cost sharing and that he will pay us soon the portion he owes us - approximately $900.

**1/3/01 House & Grounds**-Emily reported for Margaret Feuer that bids are out for Bride's and Board rooms remodeling. Emily had trees trimmed to remove from roof and clean up area for $375 (original estimate was that cost would be between $500-1000).

Emily added a much needed new trashcan in the women's restroom and 7 round and 3 square autumn color table clothes. The Club now has three different color sets.

Ella Vandervort brought us issue of parking in driveway and re-landscaping area. Emily noted that this is part of long-term plan with goal of having four off-street parking spots.

**2/7/01 House & Grounds**-Emily reported for Margaret Feuer that a $9,000 bid is in for Board Room remodeling. Margaret purchased a new console table for the front room for $600. Emily added nine new 90-inch ivory tablecloths.

**3/7/01 House & Grounds**-Emily reported for Margaret Feuer that she has purchased on sale two new console tables. Discussion around refurbishing Bridal Room. Lydia noted need for work. Emily added one more 90-inch ivory tablecloth.

6/5/01 6. **House & Grounds:** No report. A new chairman needs to be found for the House and Grounds Committee: Two names were suggested Jana and Barbara. In addition, a Liaison from the Board for the House and Grounds committee would be needed.

# The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

## June 2004 Newsletter

President: Wanda Cavanaugh | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

### President's Message

The May luncheon featured a wonderful talk by Esther Hewlett on international women's issues. It was an inspiration for us to get involved in challenges that spoke to us as Esther has done.

Thanks to Jennifer Kleckner and her luncheon team for an outstanding lunch and to Sarah French for performing the Induction of the Board of Directors for 2004-2005. A warm welcome to our first time Board members Celiene O'Hara, Elizabeth Moder Stern, and Pat Davis, and to the incoming Board for 2004-2005.

We look forward to our June lunch, hosted by Susan Kazul and Anne Ercolani and their team. Harpist Rebecca Gorman is featured along with the recipients of our Philanthropy Committee's awards. Thanks to the Philanthropy and Events Committee, as well as many of you, for healthy growth in the club's philanthropy.

We will also present the 2004-2005 budget for approval. It is published on page 2 of this Newsletter.

As I begin my second year as President, I see a symbolic turning point for us. My first term embodied the accomplishments of Phase 1 of the renewal of the Woman's Club. Thanks to the hard work of so many, we have a full membership, money in the bank so that the Clubhouse is no longer in danger of being sold, a strong infrastructure reaching beyond the Board that includes committees such as History, House and Grounds, and Rental, and Clubs such as Investment, Book Club and now Bridge, offering our members ongoing intellectual stimulation. We have begun to recapture our history and make many of the needed Clubhouse repairs and updates.

I hope that the second year of my term embarks on Phase 2, bringing the Club fully into the modern world and restoring the Clubhouse.

With that in mind, I'd like to remind you that June starts our two-month hiatus. BUT, there will

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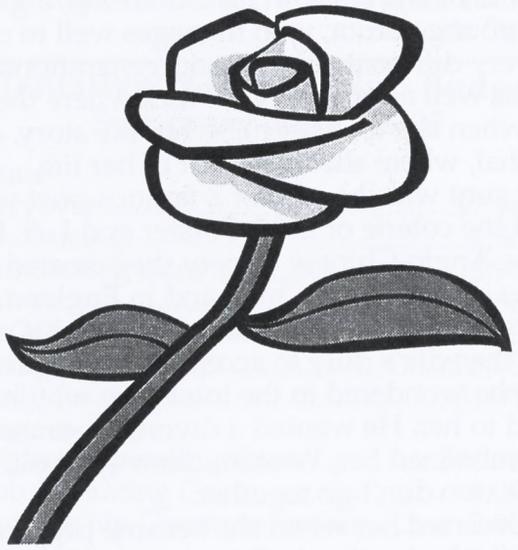

**June 16, 2004**
**Budget Approval**
***Rebecca Gorman, Harpist***
HOSTED BY SUSAN KAZUL AND ANNE ERCOLANI

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**Look Inside!**
History Corner, Book Club, Committee Sign Up, Budget, New Members

## Book Group

**Tuesday, June 22, 7:30 p.m.**
***Bound Feet in Western Dress***
**by Pang-Mei Natasha Chang**

I found this one of the best written of the memoirs we read this spring. It is based on an interview over a period of five years with Hsu Chih-mo, a great aunt of the young author, who manages well to connect both very different cultural and generational experiences as well as places: New York where the aunt lived when she told her niece her life story, and Shanghai, where she lived part of her life.

Her aunt was the wife of a famous poet who was part of the coterie of E. M. Forster and I. A. Richards and the Anglo-Chinese Society they created together. He was a celebrity in China and in England. In China, parents picked the wife, the man chose his concubine. It was the wife's duty to accept this, so she cried when she wondered in the interview why he was so unkind to her. He wanted a divorce because bound feet symbolized her, Western dress symbolized him, and the two don't go together.

He deserted her when she became pregnant in England. Her brother in France took her in. When she returned to China, she became president of a women's bank, manager of the family dress shop, and treasurer of Second Brother's political party. In 1986 the author went to Shanghai in search of her aunt's past.

Discussion leader: Cathy Dolton

Refreshments: Sue Kemp

Next meeting in September. We will probably decide on line over the summer what books to read in the fall. New members welcome.

*Jeanne McDonnell*

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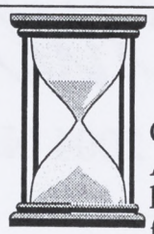

## History Corner

On Sunday, April 4th, the History Committee made a presentation to the Palo Alto Historical Association summarizing th history of the Palo Alto Woman's Club. A few highlights follow.

**The first 50 years-1894-1944** were guided by the motto "self improvement, mutual help and comm nity work". 25-30 standing committees with titles such as Literature and Art, Home and Household Economics, Philanthropy, and Village Improvemer Committee (planting and maintaining trees throug out the city) were the backbone of the club. A High School and a library were started with the various donations under the direction of club members. Health issues were addressed making clear the nee for a sewer system for clean water and improved public health. Stands were taken on women's right Right to marry, right for a professional life, right to divorce, right to own property and right to participate in athletic life.

**1905-** Women express desire to have own clubhouse.

**1916-** Sept. 22nd Clubhouse opened its doors at Homer Street.

**1917-1944-** Focus shifted to support our country i war effort . Many programs were started in the co munity to aid our veterans. The club survived the depression and financial woes.

**1950's-** Club membership is at it's height (350 members). Fashion shows, teas, music programs a enriching programs were presented by the Club. There were two meetings a month. Women's activism in government and community leadership roles increased.

**1960-1970's-**The PAWC is part of the Federation Women's Clubs. 11 million women in more than 60 countries gather to promote common interests and goals. Regional meetings are held and many awar are presented to PAWC for their programs and lead ership. The power of women gathering and discussing political, ethical, and moral issues under th guise of social events makes an impact on our community.

**July/September 1972-** Emergency meetings to

## History Committee

**No History Committee Meeting in June**

*(History Corner continued)*

address issues of the Club's structural stability. The building was declared unfit for occupation! $26,770 needed to repair the building. Fortunately there was $22,656 in a savings account. An Additional $4,000 needed to be raised immediately. A building fund was established. By December of 1972, the work was completed, women returned to their clubhouse and all debts were paid!

**1980's-** Membership declined to under 100 members. Club was barely making ends meet, but thanks to the efforts of the loyal few we have our PAWC today.

**Late 1980-1990's** brought a new infusion of women from all aspects our community. Our roster is composed of PTA, philanthropy, educators, civic leaders, homemakers and professional women Now the Club is at it's maximum membership and enjoying the astonishing efforts of our past women members.

*Lolly Osborne, History Club*

## Sign up for Committees at the June Meeting:

**Program Committee** – Meets over the summer—plans year ahead.

**Lunch Chairs** –Sign up for a special month. Heading a team is a great way to meet people..

**2nd Tuesday evening socials**—A fun and easy way to get to know our members.

**Philanthropy Committee** –Review and determine who is awarded grants by the Club each year.

**History Committee**—An active group, they have uncovered some terrific nuggets of information. They would welcome new members.

**House and Grounds**—We can see around us the results of the work they are doing. There are some interesting challenges involved in keeping our 1916 Clubhouse in order.

**Events Committee**—The Bunco party was one of their successes. Bring your ideas and skills to help this group.

**Rental**—Can always use volunteers to help show the house, help with advertising, etc. This is a very important revenue stream for us.

*New* **House Preservation Fundraising Committee**—Organizing to create activities to raise monies to continue to update and renovate our Clubhouse treasure.

**Garden Committee**—Work on planting around Clubhouse and creating and expanding our garden areas.

*President's letter continued*

be Club activities going on including the Program and Lunch Committees, Rentals (the largest source of Club income) and our new House Preservation Fundraising Committee. At our June lunch we'll have sign-up sheets for these and other committees. They represent great ways to meet members, contribute to the community and be involved with the continued renewal and the direction of the Club. So, sign up and get connected. Have a great summer.

*Wanda Cavanaugh*

## Tentative Woman's Club Budget Summary 2004 - 2005

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| **Income** | |
| Carryover | $7,944.00 |
| Fundraising | 2,500.00 |
| Membership dues | 15,900.00 |
| Rentals | 30,800.00 |
| All Other | 3,900.00 |
| Savings Transfer | 20,000.00 |
| Total | 81,044.00 |
| **Expenses** | |
| Building Operating Costs | $26,960.00 |
| Club Operating Cost | 6,000.00 |
| Membership Communications | 2,000.00 |
| Grounds | 1,000.00 |
| Building: upgrade & safety | 40,000.00* |
| Philanthropy | 5,000.00 |
| Total | 80,960.00 |
| Carryover | 84.00 |

* To begin seismic foundation work recommended by structural engineers,and to address renter questionnaire results. This budget is necessarily tentative because final numbers are not yet available. A more detailed budget will be available at the June meeting for Board approval and membership vote.

**Judy Gittelsohn,** 3324 Middlefield Road, P.A., 94306, tel: 855-9452. Judy is an artist, as well as an art teacher, who has received many grants for her art projects. She has volunteered with the PTA and the YMCA. Judy's interests include music, dance, book club, animals and architecture.

**Jeanne Aufmuth,** 627 Seale Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone 326-0496. Jeanne is Film Critic for the Palo Alto Weekly. She has also been a television reel reviewer, and worked with Microsoft - ultimate TV. She is a member of Online Film Critics Society. Hobbies: kickboxing, scuba diving, cooking, reading, film, and travel.

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, June 2** - Board Meeting at 5:30 pm

**Tuesday, June 8** - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
*Bring a friend!!!* For info: Celiene O'Hara, 367-8122

**Tuesday, June 15** - Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Carol Martin, (408) 269-3046 carmartin@rocketmail.com

**Wednesday, June 16 - Lunch Meeting at 11:45**
*Esther Hewlett, International Woman's Issues, Board Installation*
*Hosted by Jennifer Kleckner*

**Tuesday, June 22** - Book Group at 7:30 pm
Call Susan Kazul, 565-9101

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Friendship, Self-Improvement, and Community Involvement

# The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

## September 2004 Newsletter

President: Wanda Cavanaugh | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

### President's Message

Welcome back! We are looking ahead to another year of interesting, entertaining and stimulating programs, opportunities to build on old and create new friendships-and to looking at ways to continue to contribute to our community and to the rich history that the Woman's Club has offered since 1893.

I hope that you will continue to bring guests to share our fellowship and to look for new ways to contribute to this wonderful community of women through programs, committees, clubs and other activities. And, please don't forget that we are always open to suggestions for activities and events.

Over the summer hiatus Woman's Club activities were going on to prepare for this year. Thank you's abound and include the Programs Committee chaired by Judith Schwartz and Rosemary Stevens, our new Luncheon Chairs headed by Pat Davis, Rental Chairs Elizabeth Moder-Stern and Jennifer Kleckner, House and Grounds chaired by Caroline Willis and so many others for their work.

The Board of Directors, led Membership Chair Margaret Feuer, held a New Member Welcome Lunch on Sept. 7 — we are excited about the enthusiasm of our excellent new group of outstanding women.

A very special THANKS goes Julie Jerome for her work over the past few years as the 'unofficial' official keeper of the Club database. Through her efforts we have a terrific Yearbook, an email list that we can use to notify members of events and a method for assigning the luncheon teams.

Be sure to check the front of your Yearbook for your lunch/dinner team assignments.Remember these teams are integral to the Club and your only major Club duty all year. Another special thanks to the people who signed up to help with the September Program-so helpful in helping us get back into our routine.

I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone.

*Wanda*

**September 15, 2004**
**Open Meeting**
***Piano Music, Sue Kemp***
HOSTED BY IRIS KOROL

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**Look Inside!**
History Corner, Book Club,
New Members, Tea Invitation

## Book Group

**Tuesday, September 28**
**7:30 p.m.**

***Captains of the Sands***
**by Jorge Amado**

Every once in a while I read a novel like this one that reminds me why I read novels. No history could reveal lives in detail the way this novel does, and especially of children. The young boys without families who are the Captains of the Sands sleep in a leaky warehouse on the docks, wear rags, and feed themselves by theft. A young girl briefly joins them when her mother dies. She becomes a substitute sister and mother who is brave, can sew, can steal.

The author was 24 when the book was published in 1937. It was the last of five about Bahia, where he lived in his youth in Brazil. At the time when the story takes place, an economic situation prevailed in which, for example, only the rich got vaccinated for smallpox. Racial designations of black and white and combinations of the two describe nearly every character.

This is the first I have read of the recommendations given us by Molly Vitorte, associate director of the Center for Latin American Studies at Stanford. I can hope, but not believe, that the rest of the series will be as amazing. Translated from Portuguese, 1988.

*Discussion Leader: Ellie Heister*

*Refreshments: Anne Ercolani*

We meet the fourth Tuesday except for holiday adjustments. We are reading Latin American authors this session in this order:

Julia Alvarez, *In the Time pf Butterflies;*

Mario Vargas Llosa, *Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter;*

Rosario Castellanos, *Book of Lamentations;*

Alejo Carpentier, *The Lost Steps*

*Jeanne McDonnell*

## History Corner

### The Booming '50s

While I was preparing my part of our club program for the Palo Alto Historical Association's monthly meeting in April, I happened to transcribe 1950s minutes, and here are some of the things I learned.

In the back of the leather-bound book of handwritten records, the secretary had pasted a copy of the first issue of the monthly Bulletin, dated October 1951. Bulletin seems like an old-fashioned word, but we still called the newsletter that when I joined in 1993, though it was then more newsy and less a list of events. Of course, in 1993, there were fewer members and fewer events. In the 1950s, the club removed its 300 maximum because so many women wanted to join, but that can be explained partly by the census. Palo Alto's population rose from less than 25,000 in 1950 to over 50,000 in 1960.

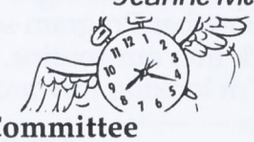
In 1951, besides two monthly general meetings, one afternoon and one evening, there were these sections: Art, Craft, Drama, Bridge and Canasta, Garden, International Relations, Music, and Book. There was also a choral group, a hospitality committee, a tea and coffee committee, as well as those not mentioned in the Bulletin that managed the club, did community work, and a whole other group called the Junior Club for members 18 to 35.

At the end of her Bulletin paragraph, President, Mrs. A.K. Spielberger wrote, "Let us all work together for mutual benefit and for service to our community." Otherwise, social work was not mentioned in the first issue of the Bulletin, but it was a major topic in the minutes. A few of the many causes the club was deeply invested in were the Red Cross, the Veterans' Hospital, and the schools. In promoting the attitude that has been called "altruistic reform," a speaker at a club meeting said that "1,000 women can be helpful, 10,000 can be forceful, 100,000 can be powerful, and 5,000,000 women can be invincible."

The clubhouse was the venue for programs such as Red Cross training, flower shows, and art exhibits. Dr. Francis G. Redewill donated his painting, "Storm at Point Lobos," to thank the club for hosting an exhibit by the Physicians' Art Society. Now, more than 50 years later, you can have a look at that painting on a wall of the boardroom.

*Jeanne McDonnell*

## History Committee



**History Committee**
**September 7, 7:30 p.m.**

## New Members continued

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teaching. She has volunteered with Junior League and Church committees. Her interests are tennis , golf, lawn bowling, cards/bridge, gardening, traveling, and reading.

**Carol Macpherson,** 3805 Magnolia Drive, Palo Alto, CA. 94306. Phone: 493-2930. Carol is the Owner of and Coach Mentor at a Swim School. Her volunteer work has been through the Elks Club and her interest is golf.

**Dianne S. MacDaniels,** 2500 Ross Road, Palo Alto, CA. 94303. Phone:325-9768. Dianne has worked in advertising and financial services and at Stanford Housing and Dining services. She serves on the Board of Palo Alto Stanford Heritage. Her hobbies are gardening, home decorating, civic affairs, and training her dog.

**Hedy McAdams,** 1440 Bryant Street, Palo Alto, CA. 94301. Phone:325-3371. Hedy has a sole proprietor legal practice as a divorce mediator and had a graphic design business before law school. She is a member of the Mediation Society of the San Francisco Association for Conflict Resolution. Her interests are line dance teaching and choreography.

**Kathie McGinn,** 259 Coleridge Ave., Palo Alto, CA. 94301. Phone: 324-9901. Kathie has been an active volunteer in PTA and PTSA; she was President at Nixon and Paly. She is a Board Executive of the Foundation for Education, is active in the National Charity League, and ASDH. Hobbies: volunteer work, travel, children, and teens.

**Rezvan Moghaddam,** 1919 Alameda, San Mateo, CA. 94403. Phone: 565-8485. Rezvan is Executive Director of the Peninsula Stroke Association. She has volunteered as a Campaign Advisor and member of the Community Impact Fund of the United Way Agency. Rezvan is a member of Stanford Alumni Assoc.. and the Society of Iranian Professionals.

**Kay W. Remsen,** 20 Kirby Place, Palo Alto, CA. 94301. Phone: 326-8928. Kay is a teacher at Notre Dame Univ. and was the former Music Coordinator for P.A. School District. Her hobbies are music, reading, and fitness.

**Nancy Schonher,** 245 Delphi Circle, Los Altos, CA. 94022. Phone: 949-2756. Nancy is a retired human resources officer. She volunteers at Gamble Garden, Peninsula Volunteers, PCCCA, Avenidas,and Friends of the P.A. Library. She was on the board of the West Bay Wellesley Club and the Resource Center for Women. Her interests are gardening, theater, writing and travel.

**Carolyn Schwartz,** 145 Walter Hays Drive, Palo Alto, CA. 94303. Phone: 325-5567. Carolyn is an Investor Relations Consultant. She was Managing Director of Investor Relations at Applied Materials and volunteered with the PTA, Girl Scouts, AYSO, and Environmental Volunteers. Her interests are nature walks, travel, singing, and reading.

**Alice Smith,** 4284 Los Palos Circle, Palo Alto, CA. 94306. Phone: 493-3554. Alice is an attorney. She serves on the Board of Northern CA. Human Rights Watch, is Past President of the Fair Housing Council, past Chair of Democrats Abroad(UK,) and is a member of Smith Club of the Peninsula and the World Affairs Council. Her hobbies are singing, reading, bridge, and birdwatching.

**Sally Supplee,** 1901 Birch Street, Palo Alto, CA. 94306. Phone: 327-3284. Helen is retired and volunteers at the Board of Land Trust for Santa Clara County and at the Los Altos Wildlife Conservation Network. Her interests are traveling, cooking, & reading.

**Marilyn Sutorius,** 2030 Waverley St, Palo Alto, CA. 94301. Phone: 326-5210, Marilyn volunteers at the Garden Club of P.A., the Gamble Garden, and the Heart Ass'n. She is a member of the Friends of the P.A. Library, PAHA, PAST, the Blue Stocking Book Club and Dickens Fellowship.

**Barbara Parson Swenson,** 2205 Waverley Street, Palo Alto, CA. 94301. Phone: 326-4288. Barbara is retired and was a Probation Officer for Santa Clara County. She is presently a fund-raiser for Foothill College and her interests are golf, travel, and gardening.

**Suzanne Thompson,** 1021 Parkinson Ave., Palo Alto, 94301. Phone: 408 205-0413. Suzanne is an Account Manager. She has volunteered as an RN for Interplast, the Episcopal Youth Group, and Habitat for Humanity. She is a member of Pi Beta Phi Alumni and Texas-Exes and her interests are swimming, running, tennis, hiking, cooking, entertaining, traveling, and reading.

**Sandy Voorhees,** 165 Primrose Way, Palo Alto, CA. 94303. Phone: 224-5697. Sandy is a retired substitute teacher. Her other experiences are with the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space Dist., Nordstrom's, Citibank, and PAUSD. Her interests are walking, skiing, hiking, bridge, cooking, and children.

**Toby Williams,** 270 Kellogg Ave., Palo Alto, CA. 94301. Phone: 321-3644. Toby currently enjoys working on old houses and is on the Board of trustees and chair of the gardening group at the 1st Methodist Church. She was a real estate appraiser and her interests are architecture, travel, and dogs.

**Susan Bright Winn,** 2950 Ramona St., Palo Alto, CA. 94306. Phone: 321-1101. Susan is the owner of Bright Typing. She is a PAST Heritage docent and has served on the PAHA Board of Directors as Secretary and President. Her interests are music, travel, gardening , grandchildren, psychology and history.

## NEW MEMBERS

**Jeanne Aufmuth,** 627 Seale Ave., Palo Alto, CA. 94301. Phone: 326-0496. Jeanne is Film Critic for The Palo Alto Weekly. She has also been a television reel reviewer and worked with Microsoft-ultimate TV. She is a member of Online Film Critics Society. Hobbies: kickboxing, scuba diving, cooking, reading, film, and travel.

**Lynn Frank Auslander,** 501 Forest Ave., Palo Alto, CA. 94301. Phone: 473-0920 Lynn is a homemaker who formerly practiced law and journalism. She volunteers in soup Kitchens, at Community Center Book Sales and was a member of Alpha Sigma Nu and the Bar and Gavel Service Honor Societies. Her interests are exchange Student Programs, cross-cultural communications, history, and books.

**Melaine Bales,** 811 Southampton Drive, Palo Alto, CA. 94303. Phone: 326-0776. Melaine is a meeting planner and a housewife.. She has volunteered with Bay Area Action, the PA community Garden plots, and PA Animal Services. Her interests are gardening, women's issues, and animal welfare.

**Harriet Berner**, 1408 Edgewood Drive, Palo Alto, CA. 94301. Phone: 328-3971. Harriet is retired from real estate management and has worked in advertising and as a school teacher. She has volunteered at the Stanford Health Library and enjoys golf, reading, and exercise.

**Eileen Brooks,** 780 Montrose Ave., Palo Alto, CA. 94303. Phone: 493-5114. Eileen is retired from technical writing and business advertising sales. She volunteers with the SC County Council on Aging and Stanford Hospital Partners in Caring. Her interests are travel, walking, travel writing, and gardening.

**Cleva Davis,** 2016 Liberty Park, Menlo Park, CA. 94025. Phone: 854-8875. Cleva's profession is hair design. Her interests are gardening, travel, and reading.

**Mary Doten,** 1325 Oak Ave., Menlo Park, CA. 94025. Phone: 322-2172. Mary is a housewife whose volunteer experience includes the CAR Author's Luncheon, Gamble Garden Club co-chair and Spring Tour chair, PAST Board member and the Junior League. Her interests are bridge, travel, grandchildren and church gardening.

**Ellen Ehrlich,** 181 Walter Hays Dr, Palo Alto, CA. 94303. Phone: 853-8608. Ellen has volunteered with Teach for America and the Opportunity Center Advisory Board. She is a member of the Radcliffe Club of the Peninsula and her interests are travel, reading, music, ballet, theater, and being a granny.

**Judy Gittelsohn,** 3324 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA. 94306. Phone 855-9452. Judy is an artist. She volunteers in the Art for Wellness program at Stanford Hospital and has been a grant recipient for multiple art projects. Judy is also a teacher and a working artist for paint companies. She has volunteered with the PTA and YMCA and her interests are music, dance, book club, animals, and architecture.

**Valerie Hamilton,** 4670 Wilcox Ave., Santa Clara, CA. 95054. Phone: 408 970-8444. Valerie is an Adult Ed teacher and a Real Estate Broker. She has volunteered at Allied Arts and as a real estate teacher in Palo Alto Adult Ed. Valerie is a DAR Regent, a member of the P.A. Gamma Club and Club President. of the Colonial Dames of America. Her interests are bridge and golf.

**Janet Heilman,** 3327 Kipling St., Palo Alto, CA. 94306. Phone: 493-3563. Janet is a retired high school teacher and a member of the Stanford Palo Alto Club. Her interests are travelling, hiking, theater, lectures, movies, food and wine, and short term volunteering.

**Maie Herrick,M.D.,** 1150 University Ave., Palo Alto, CA. 94301. Phone: 321-7655. Maie is a semi-retired neuropathologist whose career was as a Santa Clara County hospital pathologist. She has been a volunteer teacher at Stanford and belongs to professional medical associations. Her interests are knitting, sewing, art, cooking, music, and theater.

**Millicent Higgins,** M.D., 252 Indian River Place, Ann Arbor, MI, 48104. Phone: 734 761-9608 and 1100 Sharon Park Drive, Menlo Park, CA. 94025. Phone: 233-3701. Millicent is a Professor Emeritus of the University. of Michigan and was a member of the U.S. Senior Executive Service as well as President. of the Investment Club and Membership Chair of the Faculty Womens Club. Her interests are reading , English and French literature, gardening, walking, and listening to music.

**Ginger Johnson,** 2480 Bryant, Palo Alto, CA. 94301. Phone: 326-1938. Ginger is a Program Manager. at Avenidas. She has been in teaching, publishing, and worked as the development officer of Planned Parenthood where she is also a volunteer and board member.

**Hilary Jones,** 235 Walter Hays Dr, Palo Alto, CA. 94303. Phone: 326-8232. Hilary is a financial consultant with AG Edwards, the VP of ASDH, Secretary of the Gamble Garden Board, and past VP of the Crescent Park Neighborhood Ass'n. Her interests are gardening, hiking, arts, theater and teaching Investing at the PA Adult Ed. program.

**Mary Law**, 747 Tennyson Ave, Palo Alto, CA. 94301. Phone: 325-8834. Mary has retired after 30 years of

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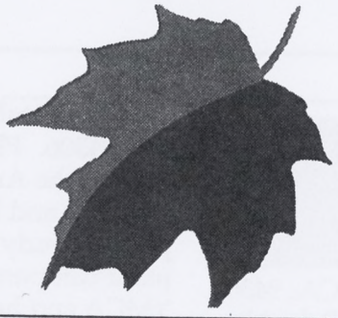

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, September 1** - Board Meeting at 5:30 pm

**Tuesday, September 7** - New Members Luncheon 12-1:30 pm
For info: Margaret Feur 325-4543

**Tuesday, September 7** - History committee 7:30 p.m.
For info: Carol Murden 327-1446

**Tuesday, September 14** - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
*Bring a friend!!!* For info: Celiene O'Hara, 367-8122

**Wednesday, September 15 - Lunch Meeting at 11:45**
*Piano Music by Sue Kemp*
*Hosted by Iris Korol*

**Tuesday, September 21** - Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Carol Martin, (408) 269-3046 carmartin@rocketmail.com

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Friendship, Self-Improvement, and Community Involvement

# 2nd ANNUAL HIGH TEA (plus) In The Garden

**A fundraiser for the WOMAN'S CLUB of Palo Alto**

Date: **Wednesday, October 6th**

Time: **2 :30 P.M.**

Place: **Hyatt Hotel Rose Garden**

**4219 El Camino Real**

**Palo Alto**

Price: **$35.**

Invite: Mothers, Daughters, Grandmothers, Friends

If you'd like, put together a table for 8 or 10

See you in the garden!!!!!!!!!!!!

Please mail check to Iris Korol:

1303 Dana, Palo Alto, 94301.

$25 of your contribution is tax deductible.

Name:_____

Number of tickets: _____

# The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

## October 2004 Newsletter

President: Wanda Cavanaugh | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

### President's Message

This year got underway with a lot of activity. With a class of 28, our New Member Lunch (thanks again to Margaret Feuer), was a great success and this terrific group has already begun to make some wonderful contributions. Our September meeting was packed, we had a chance to catch up after the summer with beautiful background music by our own Sue Kemp and a great lunch thanks to Iris Korol and her group who stepped in to be sure we got the year off with a bang.

In addition, on September 13 we hosted our Loma Prieta District meeting. It includes the District officers and presidents of the District Clubs including Gilroy, Santa Clara, Cupertino, Correlitos, Hayward, Mountain View, Los Altos, the Iranian Woman's club and San Jose. We won a District award for Membership Growth. Thanks to Emily Renzel, Ellie Heister, Jana Stevens and Iris Korol for their help. Our Clubhouse is a wonderful treasure appreciated by many other clubs.

For those who wonder, we are members of a much larger organization of women's clubs as part of the California Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs International. We get our 501 (c)3 status through this membership.

If you missed picking up your Yearbook at the September luncheon, they will also be available at the October luncheon. Note that the date in the Yearbook for the November lunch should be November 17 (we remain on the third Wednesday of the month). Thanks again to Julie Jerome for putting out the very useful telephone and email Directories and be sure to get changes in to her. Thanks to Sharon Small and Emily Renzel for being in charge of handing out the Yearbooks and collecting email addresses.

As a Club, we have other activities besides the Luncheons that we hope you all will take the

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**October 20, 2004**
**Phil Yost, Chief Editorial Writer,**
**San Jose Mercury News**

***"How do editorial boards choose which candidates to endorse?"***

HOSTED BY CONNIE FASANI, MARSHA LOWTHER AND LOLLY OSBORNE

**11:45 Member and guest sign-in, lunch**
**12:30 President's Welcome Program & Dessert**
**1:15 Adjourn**

***Luncheon is offered at $5.00 per person***

**Look Inside!**

History Corner, Book Club,
Speaker Bio, PAST Heritage Tour & Program
and information about
our annual SEE's Candy for Philanthropy

## Book Group

**Tuesday, October 26, 7:30 p.m.**

***In the Time of the Butterflies***
**by Julia Alvarez**

After reading this second in our series of novels by Latin American authors, I concluded that this is the most revealing for me of all our topics. I feel I have new insights into cultures I barely knew before. It has also made me appreciate more the way that a novel has a unique potential for transmitting a sense of a way of life.

In this book, Julia Alvarez writes about three sisters who were murdered during the tyrannical and vicious 31-year regime of Trujillo in the Dominican Republic. The history of the sisters is factual; details of their lives from childhood until their deaths are fictional but revealing of the way people lived and the strain of coping under a murderous regime.

Alvarez writes that some Latin American countries mark the day of the sisters' assassination, November 25, as International Day Against Violence Towards Women. The house where they grew up is a museum. In the last sentence of the Postscript, the author hopes that this book deepens North Americans' understanding of that nightmare of the Dominican Republic. I felt disappointed that our government barely supported investigations by the Organization of American States.

Discussion leader: -

Refreshments: Linda Anderson

We meet the fourth Tuesday except for holiday adjustments.

Next books:

Mario Vargas Llosa, *Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter;*

Rosario Castellanos, *Book of Lamentations;*

Alejo Carpentier, The Lost Steps

*Jeanne McDonnell*

## History Corner

This History Committee focuses its endeavors on preserving, studying, and disseminating the history of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto. We (Carol Murden, Jeanne McDonnell, Peggy McKee and new member Valerie Hamilton) meet on the first Tuesday of the month to discuss the goals mentioned above, to plan the annual March Women's History Luncheon Program, and to assess our progress in transcribing the minutes of Club meetings. In addition, Jeanne is very involved in the Juana Briones Heritage Foundation while Carol and Peggy serve on the board of the Palo Alto History Museum Project. The Woman's Club has a proud heritage of involvement in local, state, and national activities from planting trees on Palo Alto streets to supporting our servicemen in a variety of ways in World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. A glance at our membership roster indicates that this tradition has not changed.

The History Committee honors members whose commitment to the Club has engaged them over the years. For example, we interviewed and compiled oral histories of some of our members of longest standing. In August, former president and active club member Dorothy Arbuckle celebrated her 90th birthday at a reception right here in the Club House. More recently, others have expressed interest in our members. Dr. Robert Edwards of Berkeley is writing a biography of Jennie Vennerstrom Cannon. Mrs. Cannon, a Stanford alumna and local artist, was a Woman's Club member active in a leadership role on the "Arts Section." The minutes of 1915 and 1916 describe her "charming manner," her lecture series on art, and her participation in an art show in which her own paintings were featured. We look forward to the publication of Dr. Edwards' monograph on our own Jennie Cannon.

As some of you know from Jeanne's remarks at the New Member Reception, everyone of us is a part of the Woman's Club history. Some day someone may look you up in the monthly newsletter or delve into the archives.

Welcome all to a new year for the Woman's Club of Palo Alto.

*Peggy McKee*

**History Committee**
**October 5, 7:30 p.m.**

## 2004 PAST Holiday House Tour - Sunday, December 12, 2004 (2-5 pm)

PALO ALTO Mark your calendars now to relive the charm of Palo Alto holidays PAST! Five gorgeous and historic Stanford homes will be showcased during the seventeenth annual Palo Alto Stanford Heritage (PAST) Holiday House Tour on Sunday December 12 from 2-5 p.m.. The doors of these privately-owned campus treasures will be open to the public because this year's tour is co-sponsored by the Stanford Historical Society.

The boards of both historic advocacy groups are excited to announce that this year's tour features the beautiful childhood home of the prestigious local architect, Birge Clark. This stately home was designed by his father, Arthur B. Clark, the original owner and an early member of the Stanford academic community.

Another wonderful tour home was owned and lovingly cared for by Frederick Olmsted, the son of the elder Frederick Law Olmsted who designed the Stanford quad, New York's Central Park. and San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

The tour's five historic homes are a scenic stroll away from each other in the beautiful San Juan hill campus neighborhood. Tickets are $20 each and are available by sending a check to PAST at P.O. Box 308, Palo Alto, CA. 94302. Tickets will be $25 if purchased after November 30 or at the door.

For more information on PAST or the tour, please visit the PAST Heritage website at www.pastheritage.org or call the PAST hotline at 650/299-8878.

## Buy **See's** Candy donate to philanthropy

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*You will have your certificates in time for Thanksgiving.*

## Our October Speaker

At a time when elections are so hotly contested, the program committee thought it would be helpful for club members to get an inside view as to how news organizations evaluate candidates so we can better evaluate endorsements for ourselves.

Phil Yost is chief editorial writer of the Mercury News, concentrating on state government and environmental issues. He organizes the editorial pages' candidate interviews, which has given him the opportunity to talk to many candidates from various parties. As well as editorials, Phil writes a weekly column that appears on the opinion pages.

**The Palo Alto Historical Association is hosting a program about the history of Libraries in Palo Alto - and, as you know, The Woman's Club was instrumental in their formation. The free program, with coffee, tea and cookies will be held Sunday, October 3 at 2:00 PM at the Lucie Stern Community Center.**

*President's letter continued from page 1*

opportunity to participate in — they add to ways that you can make new friends, meet old ones, contribute to our philanthropic and community efforts and your personal growth. Our first Philanthropy fundraiser, **Tea in the Garden**, will be at Rickey's Hyatt Rose Garden on the 6th. The Book and Investment Clubs continue and we welcome suggestions for other activities. The next Tuesday Night Drop-In Social is October 12th at 5:00—come and bring a friend or two. Ellie Heister reports a good turnout in September.

We'll let you know of other opportunities for both the Philanthropy and House Preservation fundraisers as they occur. Our Program Committee Chairs Judith Schwartz and Rosemary Stevens, along with our new member group, have some plans in the works.

If you would like to help coordinate a way to help get some of our local Honorary Members to meetings, or volunteer to drive someone, please let me know or leave a message at the check-in desk at the October lunch.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the October luncheon. Be sure to give a thank you to Connie Fasani, Marsha Lowther and Lolly Osborne, the luncheon chairs, their committee and to everyone else who helps out.

*Wanda*

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, October 6** - Board Meeting at 5:00 pm

**Tuesday, October 5 -** History committee 7:30 pm
For info: Carol Murden 327-1446

**Tuesday, October 12** - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
*Bring a friend!!!* For info: Celiene O'Hara, 367-8122 or Ellie Heister 328-9602

**Wednesday, October 20 - Lunch Meeting at 11:45**
*How do editorial boards choose which candidates to endorse,*
Phil Yost, San Jose Mercury News
Hosted by Connie Fasani, Marsha Lowther and Lolly Osborne

**Tuesday, October 19** - Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Carol Martin, (408) 269-3046 carmartin@rocketmail.com

**Tuesday, October 26** - Book Group at 7:30 pm
Call Susan Kazul, 565-9101

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Palo Alto Womanís Club Minutes--Wednesday, November 3, 2004 5:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING--December 1, 2004 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Wanda Cavanaugh at 5:04 p.m.

Present: Jennifer Kleckner, Iris Korol, Karen Holman, Sharon Small, Wanda Cavanaugh, Julie Jerome, Emily Renzel
Absent: Margaret Feuer, Jana Stevens, Elizabeth Moder-Stern, Carol Hubenthal, Celiene OíHara, Ellie Heister, Pat Davis

No minutes were available from the October meeting--Wanda to call Celiene.

Treasurer's Report: Emily reported that we have a total balance of $85,745.52 with $24,297.09 in the checking account as of 11.3.04. Moved, seconded (Iris, Julie) and passed, to file report for audit. Audit will again be done by Lanie Wheeler using two separate months and reported to the Board.

Rentals: Jennifer reported by Elizabeth and herself that rentals have picked up. There was some discussion on the amount paid for deposit ($500) and the $40 or $50 cleaning fee for Tom Salabert. We had approximately $5670.00 income in October with payments and reimbursements running at just over $1000.

Membership: Remains full, with new applications coming in from tea and meetings.

Philanthropy: Iris noted that the $1400 profit from the tea is actually almost a full grant. New nomination forms are being printed and will be available for the November meeting. Nominations close Dec. 30th. The Philanthropy Committee selection process beings with Jan. 10, 2005 meeting.

House & Grounds: Discussed Fireside Room improvements and foundation engineering report.

Sunshine: Sadly, a lot of activity here. $50 memorial grants were made (Julie/Iris) for Bob Donald (member Cherie), Jim Traugott (member Ninna), Ancy Fletcherís son and for Christina Luis (Emily/Jennifer).

House Preservation Committee: First meeting is Nov. 16th. Goals, select chair, look at Planned Giving & Endowment Guidelines, establish first year project.

Lunch Committee: Thanks to Pat Davis for revised Cooksí Guide. Discussed issues of serving and cleaning up for up to 100 people. Agreed to good ideas from past hostesses include having a cook at each table to facilitate clean up, plan a section of your group as clean up, clearing after the speaker, starting a load of dishes so Tom can begin clean up right away, rinsing dishes, possible kitchen tours for new hostesses so everyone know

where everything is located. 11-3, 2004

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Wanda Cavanaugh for Celiene OíHara

# The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

## November 2004 Newsletter

President: Wanda Cavanaugh | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

### President's Message

Fall is definitely here, we feel it in the air and we know it from the drumbeat of things to do as we approach the holidays, starting with Thanksgiving. It has been a good year for our Club with a lot to be thankful for: full membership, many wonderful luncheons, great programs, an increase in rentals thanks to Jennifer Kleckner and Elizabeth Moder-Stern, continued updating of the Clubhouse thanks to Caroline Willis, Jana Stevens and the House and Grounds Committee, continued friendships and a very successful 2nd Annual Tea in the Garden with 66 members and guests participating.

In addition to great food and a wonderful venue at Rickey's Rose Garden, the Tea was a terrific fundraising opportunity that allows us to give back to our community through the efforts of our Philanthropy Committee. Iris Korol went above and beyond to make this an outstanding event. Please also see Sue Mendelsohn's poem about the event in the Newsletter.

We continue to look at ways to help our members feel part of the group. Sharon Small will be asking for help with driving some of our older members to meetings and volunteers for help with meals and visits for some of our shut-ins.

The House Preservation Committee is looking for co-chairs. This group, which will provide both fund raising and donor legacy work, has some members, will welcome more. Right now you can contact Jana Stevens to get involved..

The next Tuesday Night Drop-In Social is November 9th at 5:00—come and bring a friend or two.

And, in this important election year I hope everyone has taken time to exercise their right to vote.

**Wednesday, November 17, 2004**
**Jack Hamilton**

## *"Conflict Prevention and Resolution"*

HOSTED BY JEAN DAWES AND MARY LOREY

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| **11:45** | **Member and guest sign-in, lunch** |
| **12:30** | **President's Welcome Program & Dessert** |
| **1:15** | **Adjourn** |

***Luncheon is offered at $5.00 per person***

**Look Inside!**

History Corner, Book Club,
Our Annual SEE's Candy Sale for Philanthropy
Lunch Committee Duties, Benefit Auction,
A Poem inspired by Our October Tea

# Book Group

**Tuesday, November 23, 7:30 p.m.**

***Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter***

**by Mario Vargas Llosa**

This series of books by Latin American novelists has been an eye-opener for me. They make me realize how little I know about countries that are my neighbors, and their differences. A sidelight of the book is underlying tension among Bolivians, Argentinians, and Peruvians, at least those of well-to-do Lima.

Aunt Julia takes place in Lima among professionally-adept people. The narrator studies law but aspires to write fiction. Aunt Julia is divorced and looking for a second husband, one who is situated well financially and available legally. This is another difference I would not have suspected. In Peru, a divorced woman is not considered an oddity, according to this novel, yet in Chile, as I just read in a newspaper, divorce became legal for the first time this year.

Sue Kemp has been working so diligently on her Spanish that she is reading Aunt Julia in the original and in English, and we look forward to the perspective that will give us.

Discussion leader: Sue Kemp

Refreshments: Pat Davis

We meet the fourth Tuesday.

Next books:

Dec. 21, Rosario Castellanos, *Book of Lamentations;*

Jan. 25, Alejo Carpentier, *The Lost Steps*

New members welcome.

*Jeanne McDonnell*

# History Corner

## Palo Alto History Museum

Continuing the 110 year tradition of supporting projects beneficial to the people of Palo Alto, the Woman's Club has endorsed the use of the original Palo Alto Medical Clinic building, located at the corner of Homer and Bryant, as a Palo Alto History Museum. The museum will have exhibits and programs relating to Palo Alto's history from the early Ohlone people to life today, and will provide a home for archival papers and objects. Unlike all other Santa Clara County cities, Palo Alto has no local history museum.

The history museum will appropriately be in a historic building, the original Palo Alto Medical Clinic building. The building was designed by Birge M. Clark, well known Palo Alto architect who designed many of the town's commercial buildings and houses. The style of the building is in the Spanish Eclectic (or Spanish Colonial Revival) style for which Birge Clark was particularly known.The frescoes at the entrance of the building were executed by Victor Arnautoff, a Russian émigré, associate of Diego Rivera, and technical director and artist of the murals in San Francisco's Coit Tower. When the Clinic building opened in 1932 it provided an innovative form of medical care for Palo Alto: the group medical practice. There were only 300 such practices in the United States at that time. The Clinic was later named, and continues to be called, the Roth building after Edward Frederick (Fritz) Roth, one of the founding Clinic doctors.

The Roth building will be rehabilitated and converted to museum use following the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. These are federal standards established for converting a historic building to modern use while preserving the building's historic features and character. The Palo Alto History Museum Committee is currently raising money to fund the rehabilitation and conversion of the building to a museum.To aid in this effort the Woman's Club awarded one of its 2004 philanthropy grants to the project. The new use of the historic building will provide a benefit for the people of Palo Alto and will add another endeavor to the long list of Palo Alto civic projects endorsed and supported by our Woman's Club.

*Carol Murdock*

**History Committee**
**November 2, 7:30 p.m.**

## Perfect Gifts for the Holidays
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### Reminder:
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### November 18 Lunch Committee

**Hosted by**

**Jean Dawes 329-1161 Mary Lorey 329,1944**

Jeanne Abbott
Suzanne H. Beaver
Elizabeth Browne
Mildred Chackerian
Ann Debusk
Judith Frost
Ellie Heister
Kenna Helms
Joan Jack
Barbara Klein
Nancy Lytle
Barbara Martin
Nina Moore
Janet Peacock
Karen Recht
Shulamith Rubinfien
Carolyn Schwartz
Pat Starrett
Peggy Tsao
Veva Wheaton
Edith Zitelli

## INTERTWINING CIRCLES

*by Sue Mendelsohn*

In a dappled sunlit garden,
Surrounded by October roses,
We nibble at delicate salmon sandwiches,
fruited scones, double clotted cream.
Around us, snippets of Brahms and Bach,
Erdrich, Allende, Garcia Marquez, Mason,
"Motorcycle Diaries,"
"Butcher Club Singers,"
"Lady Detectives."
In the lazy shadows of late afternoon,
The diverse threads of diverse lives,
Swirl, spiral, soar,
Forming intertwined circles,
Coalescing into a coherent whole.

### Auction to Benefit Palo Alto History Museum

### "A Piece of the Rock"

The Palo Alto History Museum Project is auctioning a large mosaic fragment from the pre-1906 Earthquake facade of Stanford Memorial Church.

To bid on this valuable relic, come to the Palo Alto Historical Association programs on Sundays, November 7 and December 5, sponsored by the Palo Alto Historical Association, 2:00 p.m. at Lucie Stern. There will be a silent auction on both days, culminating in a live auction of this piece of Palo Alto and Stanford history.

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, November 3** - Board Meeting at 5:00 pm

**Tuesday, November 2 -** History committee 7:30 pm
For info: Carol Murden 327-1446

**Tuesday, November 9** - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
*Bring a friend!!!* For info: Celiene O'Hara, 367-8122 or Ellie Heister 328-9602

**Wednesday, November 17 - Luncheon Meeting 11:45**
*Conflict Prevention and Resolution*
Jack Hamilton
Hosted by Jean Dawes and Mary Lorey

**Tuesday, November 16** - Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Carol Martin, (408) 923-2492 carmartin@rocketmail.com

**Tuesday, November 23** - Book Group at 7:30 pm
Call Susan Kazul, 565-9101

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# The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

## December 2004 Newsletter

President: Wanda Cavanaugh

Editor: Carol Hubenthal

### President's Message

Wishing you all a wonderful Holiday Season. May all your wishes come true and for the Woman's Club, may we continue to prosper and flourish.

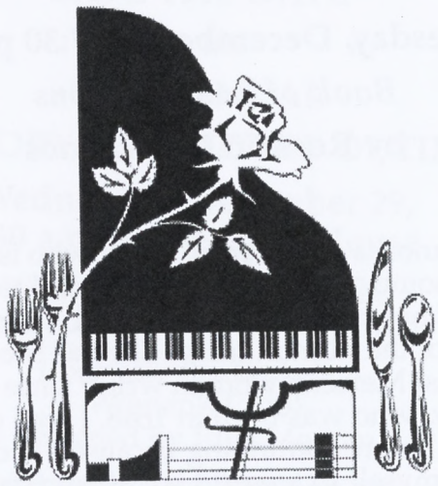
As we say goodbye to 2004, I'm happy to report that the Club is doing well thanks to the terrific efforts of so many of our members and to all of you who come to meetings and share in the warmth and friendship. We are delighted that you continue to share your friendships with us by bringing guests who so often turn out to be old friends, too. We will welcome in 2004 with a full membership and a growing waiting list.

One result of our growth is the very large attendance we now have at our monthly meetings. Our speakers have been excellent and entertaining. I'd like to compliment our monthly hosts who do such an excellent job of planning, preparing, serving and cleaning up. The luncheon teams are a great way to meet and bond with people. And, as evidenced by the quick room clean up at our November meeting, when each of us helps in a small way at the end of the meal by taking something from the table to the Fireside Room or kitchen, things move swiftly. And it gives us another chance to complement the cooks.

This month our dinner hosts are Louise Beattie, Sue Flakoll, and Carolyn Reese. The Philanthropy Committee will sell wine by the glass. The evening program will feature violin and piano sonatas by Alexi Kenney and Ian Zalles and promises to be a truly lovely evening.

We kick off 2005 with opera star and entrepreneur Irene Dalis, Opera San Jose on "Creating a Company."

*Happy Holidays,*
*Wanda*



**Wednesday, December 15, 2004**

## *Beethoven's Piano Trio*

*Op. 1 No. 3 in C minor, Movesments 1 and 4*

by ViolinistAlexi Kenney, Pianist Ian Zalles and Cellist Kendall Fisher

HOSTED BY LOUISE BEATTIE, SUE FLAKOLL & CAROLYN REESE

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# Book Group

## Book Group

**Tuesday, December 21, 7:30 p.m.**

***Book of Lamentations***

**by Rosario Castellanos**

Castellanos is a powerful writer who is willing to tackle some of the most difficult and troubling aspects of human relationships, and it could be said also of the human mind. She has been called the greatest Mexican woman writer since Sor Juana de la Cruz, who was born in 1648. I read chapter one twice before continuing because I had trouble orienting myself to a world so different from my own.

Indians were Castellanos' closest associates in her childhood, and she developed great compassion for them. Early in the book, a character who is called upon to be a judge did not reveal his full name because that would give the non-Indians power over him. To fulfill his duties he had to leave his home and small farm and live in a hut in a town that he walks to, and where he stays for a year. When he comes back, his one room dwelling has nearly collapsed and his fields are overrun with weeds.

Castellanos deals with rape, murder, greed, and various other horrors that she describes starkly as they affect people for the rest of their lives. She refuses to write gently or offer excuses. If you want light reading, this is the wrong book for you. It is like a Shakespearean tragedy or Tolstoy's War and Peace.

Round Table Discussion.
Refreshments: Cathy Dolton

For December, we change from our usual fourth Tuesday.

The last book in our Latin American novelist series will be *The Lost Steps* by Alejo Carpentier on Jan. 25, New members welcome.

*Jeanne McDonnell*

# History Corner

## History of the Club by Decades

The club is a decade past its centennial so some people get less interested without an anniversary. Since our club and the City of Palo Alto were founded the same year, we got extra attention then. Around 1950, a club member was working on club history, probably because that year reminded her of anniversaries.

The history committee is different. We are always interested. We meet monthly, slowly transcribe minutes that we donate to public archives. We take responsibility for preserving items that sometimes tell a story better than words, such as paintings on our club walls, and a photograph of the ballroom filled with flowers when the club held an annual flower show. Another treasure is four small handwritten pages written in Septembe 1906, held together with a straight pin, that are hal of an annual report. It said that the club had 106 members and they had some funds but were not yet ready to purchase the lot. Another treasure is a small note from an Army Chaplain, dated November 1918, thanking the club for helping dur ing the influenza epidemic, and especially, for gen erous aid to the soldiers who were away from their messes.

Over the next few years, we will bring you the club history by decades. It won't be every History Corner, but often, and we would welcome new committee members to help with all our responsibilities. To summarize a decade, we will need to go through many pages of minutes to single out items of lasting importance, and go to the Palo Alto Historical Association archives for context. We need transcribers of minutes, a photographer who will give us some visual documentation, and persons who will keep our current files in good order so that coming generations will thank us for preserving as we thank our club foremothers.

Watch this column for answers to questions members often ask the committee. Why was it "woman's"? club then? How could the women in 1916, almost all excluded from the paid workforce, afford this building? Stay tuned.

*Jeanne McDonnell*

## History Committee Meeting

**December 7, 7:30 p.m.**

## Reminder:
## 2004 PAST Holiday House Tour - Sunday, December 12, 2004 (2-5 pm)

The tour's five historic homes are a scenic stroll away from each other in the beautiful San Juan hill campus neighborhood. Tickets are $20 each and are available by sending a check to PAST at P.O. Box 808, Palo Alto, CA. 94302. Tickets will be $25 if purchased after November 30 or at the door.

For more information on PAST or the tour, please visit the PAST Heritage website at www.pastheritage.org or call the PAST hotline at 650/299-8878.

## December 15 Dinner Committee

**Hosted by Louise Beattie 323-0723, Sue Flakoll 493-8106, Carolyn Reese 326-9321**

Betsy Allyn
Betsy Bechtel
Gaye Bruce
Judy Chang
Arline Dehlinger
Sharon Erickson
Wynne Furth
Maie Herrick
Ginger Johnson
Judith Kleinberg
Hedy McAdams
Jean K. McCown
Elkie Muller
Enid Pearson
Marcia Rehmus
Doris Salabert
Judith Schwartz
Judith Steiner
Barbara Swenson
Carolyn Tucher
Lanie Wheeler

## History Committee Winter Outing

**SAVE THE DATE**

*for the*

**7TH ANNUAL**

**HISTORY COMMITTEE OUTING**

**Wednesday, December 29, 8:30 a.m. at the Club House.**

We will carpool to Berkeley and tour the Berkeley City Club

(formerly the Berkeley Woman's Club) designed by Julia Morgan

and either have lunch on site or in the area.

**RSVP to: Lolly Osborne (650-494-7207) or lolly@osbofamily.com**

## THE PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

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Your name

Additional favorite organizations: Must be 501 (c)(3), local and within our focus areas.

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*We look forward to your response.*

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*Violin and Piano Sonatas*
*by* Alexi Kenney and Ian Zalles
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Friendship, Self-Improvement, and Community Involvement

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## January 2005 Newsletter

President: Wanda Cavanaugh | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

### President's Message

Wishing everyone a terrific 2005. We're off to a good start with a full membership, a waiting list, continued excellent programs, dedicated volunteers who take care of keeping the Club and the Club house running, and all our amazing members.

This month we will elect our Nominating Committee at the January 19th luncheon. In order to be on the Nominating Committee, you must be present at the January meeting. The Committee's nominations will be presented to the membership at the March meeting with elections to be held at the April meeting. You can find out these details, as well as other Club bylaws, in your Yearbook.

At our January luncheon we'll really kick off the New Year with a presentation from Irene Dalis of Opera San Jose. Our lunch hosts are Karen Fry, Margie Harrington and Elinor Overshine.

Remember that even though our membership is full, we hope you will bring your friends and encourage them to fill out an application so they can be on our waiting list. One of the best parts of the Woman's Club is the new and the renewed friendships.

*Happy 2005,*
*Wanda*

**Wednesday, January 19, 2005**

## *Creating a Company*

***with***

***Irene Dalis, Opera San Jose***

HOSTED BY MARGIE HARRINGTON, KAREN FRY & ELINOR OVENSHINE

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| **11:45** | **Member and guest sign-in, Lunch** |
| **12:30** | **President's Welcome Program & Dessert** |
| **1:15** | **Adjourn** |

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# Book Group

## Tuesday, January 25, 7:30 p.m.

### *The Lost Steps* by Alejo Carpentier

This is the last book in our series by Latin American novelists. Taken all together, reading them has been a special experience.

Carpentier, a Cuban, published *The Lost Steps* in 1953 and it came out in English three years later. With almost no dialogue, a nameless narrator tells his tale of a kind of other-worldly discovery. The book explores the profound effect of experiencing a society vastly different from one's own.

The narrator knows literature and philosophy but his main interest is music. He goes deep into the jungle of South America in search of ancient, primitive musical instruments. The vital and intriguing way of life he finds there is in many ways opposite from his city life that he perceives as stale and unrewarding. He decides to stay, but soon finds that without sufficient paper, he can't compose music that anyone will ever hear, and also he can't know what is being composed by others.

The author of the introduction recommends skimming the book first. I did that, and reading more carefully the second time I was alert to the symbolism and got through the sometimes dense prose better.

We meet the fourth Tuesday. Our next series will be books by African authors, first novel will be *Things Fall Apart* by the Nigerian author Chinua Achebe. New members welcome.

*Jeanne McDonnell*

# History Corner

## Mary Downing Sheldon Barnes, Innovative History Teacher

In its first decade of existence, the Woman's Club of Palo Alto chose speakers and programs that highlighted local women of intelligence, education, and achievement, providing inspiration for the membership as to what they or their daughters could accomplish! One of the early speakers, who represents the Woman's Club's showcasing of prominent women, was Mary Downing Sheldon Barnes.

Mary Downing Sheldon, an early alumna, graduated from the University of Michigan, which admitted women only in 1871. She found it difficult to pursue her original interests in chemistry and physics there, but she applied the intellectual rigor of science to history, a field in which she pioneered new methodologies and pedagogies. In what was then a ground-breaking innovation, she taught history at Wellesley College without a textbook. Instead she required her students to read, study, discuss, and assess primary sources. Based on her experiences at Wellesley, she wrote and published (1885) *Studies in General History* to help high school and normal school teachers teach history in this new way.

In that same year, Mary Downing Sheldon married Earl Barnes--eleven years her junior--a former student and at that time history professor at the University of Indiana. In 1891, the Barnses moved to California where he accepted a position as Head of the Department of Education at Stanford University. He quickly incorporated the emphasis on primary sources into courses on intellectual and educational history. In 1892, Mary Barnes joined the Stanford faculty as an assistant professor of history. She taught 19th Century European History, introduced a new class on the History of the Pacific Slope, and collaborated with her husband on more publications: *Studies in American History*, for middle

## History Committee Meeting

**January 4, 7:30 p.m.**

school students; *Studies in the Historical Method,* for teachers and non-professionals.

Although I never heard of Mary Downing Sheldon Barnes until perusing the minutes of the Woman's Club, I can attest, as a history teacher, that her methodology of introducing students to and teaching history through primary sources remains a bedrock of history instruction. Her commitment to making history come alive through lively discussion of what people wrote and said about their own times, instead of rote memorization, changed the way teachers taught and students learned about their past.

Thank you, Mrs. Barnes.

*Peggy McKee*

## January 19 Dinner Committee

Margie Harrington 324-1793, Karen Fry 327-6778
& Elinor Ovenshine 327-2962

Jean Althouse
Susan Benton
Joan Bruce
Barbara Chequer
Cathy Dolton
Margaret R. Feuer
Jean Gee
Millicent Higgins
Hilary Jones
Judy Kramer
Dianne MacDaniels
Mary C. McCullough
Kasumi Muraki
Sandra Pearson
Carolyn Reller
Anne Saldich
Christine Shambora
Lucile Spurlock
Connie Turkington
Karen White

## About Our January Speaker Irene Dalis, General Director of Opera San Jose

In 1977, Irene Dalis came home to San Jose after 25 years as a principal artist at London's Covent Garden, Berlin, Beyreuth, Rome, San Francisco, Chicago, the Metropolitan in NYC, and other major opera stages. She built the foundation for a professional opera company, first developing an audience and grooming talented student singers.

In 1984, Ms. Dalis founded Opera San Jose and has continued to lead the company, singers, and staff through the rises and downturns of Silicon Valley. This fall,Opera San Jose reopened the historic California Theatre with an outstanding production of The Marriage of Figaro. At our program, Ms. Dalis will share some of the highlights of this exciting journey.

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## February 2005 Newsletter

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## President's Message

February is a short month, packed with meaning and potential. Be sure to make it more special by thinking about the importance of love and friendship, family and friends, helping others and being kind to yourself. Thought you all would enjoy a look at the report about the Woman's Club of Palo Alto that we submitted this year. We can all be very proud of our Club.

### Palo Alto Chapter Report: January 2004 - January 2005

*California Federation of Women's Clubs*
*Loma Prieta District*

The Palo Alto Woman's Club, founded in 1893, today has a full complement of 225 members, plus 12 Honorary and/or Life Members. We currently have a waiting list of nearly 18, all of whom are invited to attend our monthly meetings as guests. We were honored to host the Loma Prieta District for the September meeting.

Our membership is deeply involved in every aspect of our community from elected positions on City Council, School Board, and County Board of Supervisors, to appointed positions on numerous boards and commissions, to a wide variety of not-for-profit agencies that serve the needs of our town and surrounding communities. In addition, many of our members are employed outside the home, including a number who run their own businesses. We are very pleased by the involvement and participation of our members in Club activities (*outlined in more detail below*). We feel our membership continues to carry on the Club founders' vision for the Club as a place of "friendship, self-improvement, and community involvement."

#### Ongoing Member Activities, Committees and Groups

- Monthly meetings. Attendance at these has increased to 90-100 per meeting.
- New this year, a House Preservation Committee working on the Clubhouse legacy.
- 2nd Tuesday Night Socials for informal get-togethers.
- History Committee who researches the Club and local women's history. Annually organize an

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### Wednesday, February 16, 2005

## *Abigail Adams*

***Edith Gelles, Sr. Scholar, Stanford***

HOSTED BY JULIE JEROME AND BEVERLY AARTS

Our February speaker, historian Edith Gelles, is a senior scholar at Stanford's Institute for Research on Women and Gender. She has written two biographies of Abigail Adams, wife of one president and mother of another. At first, Gelles tried to write a chronological version of Abigail Adams' life. But that, she said, shifted the focus onto the major events in John Adams' life: the Continental Congress, the Revolutionary War, the presidency.

After immersing herself in feminist theory and

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# History Corner

## Julia Morgan 1872-1957
## California Woman Architect

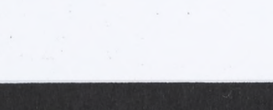
What a grand day we had! 15 women from the PAWC spent the day in Berkeley touring The Berkeley City Club (formerly the Berkeley Women's City Club) designed by Julia Morgan and completed in 1930. This six-story landmark is a residence and social club. When opened in 1930 it soon had more than 4000 members. Today the club is open to both men and women and membership is about 250-300.

The docent led tour left us in awe of this amazing woman. Julia Morgan grew up in Oakland, graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in civil engineering. Under the influence of Bernard Maybeck she pursued her architectural studies in Paris and the École des Beaux Arts (graduating in 1902, the first woman to receive an architectural degree). She returned to Berkeley and San Francisco to pursue her dreams of designing commercial, public and private buildings.

Julia Morgan is most recognized for her fabulous Hearst Castle at San Simeon and her "little castle," the Berkeley City Club. The City Club is known for its steel-reinforced concrete walls and ceilings (fashioned to look like wood), leaded glass windows, interior courtyards and beautiful indoor swimming pool. The building is a blend of Romanesque and Moorish styles of architecture. Morgan's engineering skills and her attention to interior design are evidenced in the furniture, light fixtures, ceiling detail, fireplaces and dishes. Many of the craftsmen imported from Europe to work on the Hearst Castle were employed to pour the finely decorated columns, rosettes, fireplaces and ceilings.

Julia Morgan, a small woman, left a huge impression on the field of architecture and opened doors for women. In 1904, she was the first woman architect licensed in California. From 1905 to 1947 Morgan headed her own architecture firm and designed more than 700 structures. Among her many notable accomplishments: The Bell Tower at Mills College, rebuilding the Fairmont Hotel after the 1906 earthquake, the Memorial Gymnasium at UC Berkeley, the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, the Hearst family retreat in McCloud (Wyntoon) and numerous YMCA's and other public buildings. She was influenced by the Arts and Crafts movement and designed many private homes in Berkeley and the Bay Area. Many of Morgan's clients were women or women's organizations, at a time when both were finding more prominent roles in society.

*Lolly Osborne, PAWC History Committee*



**History Committee Meeting**

**February 1, 7:30 p.m.**

# Book Group

## Book Group

## Tuesday, February 22, 7:30 p.m.

## *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe

The only excuse I have for not having known about this book is that in 1958, when it was first published, I was busy giving birth to and caring for babies. It is a superb work of fiction that explains so much about life that I can't add anything other than to say, read it.

Learning about Latin American culture from reading novels was so rewarding for the book group in the fall that we decided to read African literature now. Achebe's novel is an encouraging start.

Characters in this book aren't really noble or evil, they are just people who have some good in them and some bad. Even when they try hard to be one or the other, the consequences aren't what might be expected. The main character, Okonkwo, represents in his own way the essence of his world, a village in a complex of villages in Nigeria. Through him, readers get insight into how that society functioned and how another culture's inroads fragmented it.

Looking Chinua Achebe up online, I found that he began learning English at age eight. It is surprising that he could use the language so adroitly, but it also explains how well he knew his culture, and how deeply formative those first eight years of life are.

Discussion Leader: Ellie Heister

Refreshments: Sue Kemp

## Chess Group

A chess group is forming for instruction and play at the Woman's Club on Tuesdays, 3-5 p.m. If you want to play chess or learn how to play chess, contact Anne Saldich: 650.327.8620 or saldich@pacbell.net.

## February 16 Dinner Committee

Julie Jerome 493-8645

Beverly Aarts 529.1829

Jeanne Aufmuth
Harriet Berner
Angela Bumbera
Lynn Chiapella
Cleva Davis
Cherie Donald
Sharleen Fiddaman
Judy Gittelsohn
Joan Holland
Nancy Kalkbrenner
Delia Laitin
Betsy Foss MacDonald
Jeanne F. McDonnell
Carol Murden
Bunny Petersen
Kay Remsen
Paula Sandas-Harvey
Sharon Small
Rosemary Stevens
Joan Urquhart
Toby Williams

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method, Gelles tried a different approach. This time she would spotlight the major concerns in Abigail's life: supporting her family, often in the prolonged absence of her husband; raising children; nurturing ties with her sisters and extended family. In *Portia: The World of Abigail Adams* and in *Abigail Adams: A Writing Life*, Gelles has constructed what she terms a "collage," a biography in which the chapters are arranged by topics such as "Gossip" and "A Virtuous Affair." Her edition of *The Letters of Abigail Levy Franks (1733-1748)* has just been published by Yale University Press.

In March, Gelles will be presenting a new paper on Abigail at a conference on "The Founders in Retirement" at Monticello, VA. She has agreed to give us a preview of her talk.

*Judith Schwartz*

## LUNCH AND DINNER CONCERNS

The success of the Woman's Club is apparent to all ttending monthly meetings. Our membership is now osed at 237 with a waiting list of 18. We have grown over 150 members in less than five years.

This happy occurrence brings logistical problems that ed to be addressed by the Board and membership. pproximately 120 members and guest attended the nuary 19th luncheon. The Committee made provisions 100. Thus, they ran short of set-up tables, soup, soup wls, and drinking glasses. Every chair was used ong with the benches in the back of the room. Tom, dedicated janitor, worked late at the Club house dnesday, and again on Thursday with what has come an enormous clean up task. Quite a change m cleaning the kitchen for 50 or 60.

Until we resolve the issues, we need the cooperation d consideration of all attendees by refraining from ond servings before everyone has been served, cluding the Committee. If there is food left, the Chairs ll issue an invitation for "seconds". This is very portant. If you have dietary restrictions, please feel ee to bring your own salad or sandwich. The mmittee cannot be responsible for multiple menus.

If you plan to bring a guest, please call me at 650-321-2120. We love guests, but with a membership that is completely full, it is important to accommodate our members first. If you have thoughts on the number of guests a member can bring in a year, and what the cost should be for a guest, I welcome your suggestions. Thoughts on reservations and how that might work, and what is the appropriate price for a meal, are subjects for resolve. Please make your opinions known to Wanda or to me.

Committee Chairs work diligently to please our membership. I would like to thank Karen Fry, Margie Harrington and Elinor Overshine for the January 19th luncheon; Louise Beattie, Sue Flakoll, and Carolyn Reese for the December 15 dinner; Jean Dawes and Mary Lorey for the November 18th luncheon; Connie Fasani, Marsha Lowther and Lolly Osborne for the October 20th luncheon; and Iris Korol who singularly chaired the September 15th luncheon. These fabulous women each gave of themselves, and the membership reaped the rewards of their fine meal planning. Please thank them if the opportunity arises.

*Pat Parrish Davis*

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ook Club and Investment Club meet monthly at e Clubhouse.

House and Grounds Committee is actively involved n the restoration, maintenance and beautification of ur Clubhouse and grounds.

- Monthly Newsletter sent to all members.
- Events and Program Committee
- Rental Committee manages the Clubhouse rental.
- Philanthropy Committee: Philanthropy continues to be a main focus for fundraising and grants. This year they hosted our 2nd Annual Garden Tea Party fundraiser. For 2004 the Club granted $10,000 distributed as follows: $2500 each to Children's Library Fund and PA History Museum; $1250 each to Girls' Middle School, EPA Kids Foundation, Ecumenical Hunger Program and Foundation for a College Education.

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*Abigail Adams*
*Edith Gelles, Sr. Scholar, Stanford*
Hosted by Julie Jerome and Beverly Aarts

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Call Susan Kazul, 565-9101

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# The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

## March 2005 Newsletter

President: Wanda Cavanaugh | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

### President's Message

With all the rain this year, spring is going to be very welcome and very green-so appropriate for St. Patrick's Day and our traditional feast of corned beef and cabbage, hosted by Emily Renzel and her crew. Our History Committee has a terrific presentation up their collective sleeves that you won't want to miss either.

Thanks again to Beverly Aarts and Julie Jerome and their crew for a wonderful February evening dinner.

The Nominating Committee has been hard at work and it looks like a strong 2005-2006 slate is coming together. The proposed new Board will be announced at the March 17 lunch, listed in the April Newsletter and voted on at the April 21st lunch. Installation occurs at the May luncheon.

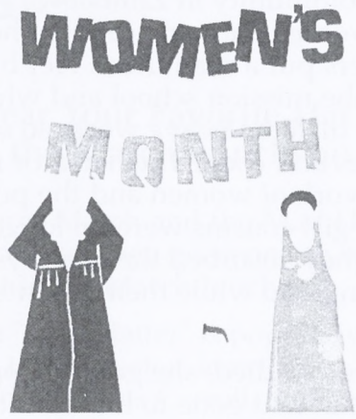
As you see the upgrades and changes to the Clubhouse, be sure to thank Caroline Willis and our House and Grounds Committee for their outstanding work.

A reminder that in February the Board voted to raise the guest rates to $10 and that we request that you call Pat Davis (321.2120) or one of the month's hosts for your guest reservations. We are excited by the attendance at our meetings, but with the big numbers it's a help to the hosts to know and be able to plan in advance. Even with a full membership, we do hope that you will continue to bring your friends and encourage them to fill out an application so they can be on our waiting list. One of the best parts of the Woman's Club is the new and the renewed friendships.

May the road rise up to meet you,

*Wanda*

**Please wear your favorite hat to the March luncheon!**




**Autumn Stanley**

### *Charlotte Smith: A Woman Ahead of her Time*

HOSTED BY EMILY RENZEL

The history committee invited Autumn as our National Women's History Month speaker. She is the author of the definitive study, *Mothers and Daughters of Invention: Notes for a Revised History of Technology*.

Autumn is now writing a biography of Charlotte Smith, an inventor and advocate for women's rights.

**11:45** **Member and guest sign-in, Luncheon**
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Chess on Tuesdays, Knowledge Revolution

# Book Group

## Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.

### Nervous Condition by Tsitsi Dangarembga

In the little community in Zimbabwe where the author lived, women had a place to bathe in the river. Developers put a road there. Her brother went away to the mission school and when he visited at home, he disliked heavy work, so she had to grow vegetables and cook. The narrator notes the weight of the work of women and the poverty of blackness. Her girl cousins were no longer friendly with her after they absorbed the class system when they lived in England while their parents studied there.

When her brother died, she got the opportunity for education that had gone to him first because he was a boy. She lived with her uncle's family at the mission. At home she slept in the smoky kitchen. Her uncle's house had a hot-and-cold water bath, a real bed in a bedroom, a bookcase, a cook, a dining room.

This story is personal--children at serious odds with parents, unsatisfactory marriages--and cultural, destruction of a way of life, the homeland of black people taken over by whites. The author just explains how it is without proposing answers.

Discussion leader: Cathy Dolton
Refreshments: Ellie Heister

We meet the fourth Tuesday and are reading African fiction.

April 26 — *Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight* by Alexandra Fuller;

May 24 — *The Burger's Daughter* by Nadine Gordimer;

June 28 — *Disgrace* by John Coetzee.

New members welcome.

*Jeanne McDonnell*

### Chess Group

A chess group is forming for instruction and play at the Woman's Club on Tuesdays, 3-5 p.m. If you want to play chess or learn how to play chess, contact Anne Saldich: 650.327.8620 or saldich @pacbell.net.

# History Corner

## Historic Homer Avenue

Homer Avenue between the Woman's Club at Cowper and the fence "monument" at Alma has been called the Historic Corridor. It is an apt name. Existing buildings on these six blocks of Homer Avenue provide a glimpse into Palo Alto's residential, business, and religious past.

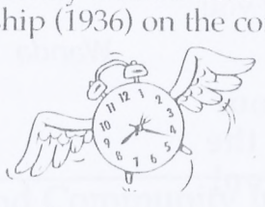
Residential growth along Homer and its immediate vicinity had begun at the turn of the 20th century as is evidenced by the many 1890's houses just off Homer in the 800 blocks of Kipling and Waverley.

The Cashel's house at 201 Homer, across the street from their plumbing business, was built in 1906. Even earlier is the house next door at 209 Homer built in 1893 and originally located in the 500 block of Waverley. When the house was to be torn down in 1910 the Cashel's bought it and had it moved to its present site, a not uncommon practice in Palo Alto's early years.

An upper middle class house and garden built for Dr. Thomas Williams in 1906 is located at 351 Homer. It now houses the Museum of American Heritage and is located across the street from the proposed Palo Alto History Museum. Around the corner from 351 Homer, the even-numbered houses in the 700 block of Waverley were all built in the teens.

Early businesses meeting Palo Altan's plumbing and bakery needs were Cashel's Plumbing Shop (1905) at 200 Homer and the Oak Home Thompson Bakery (1908) retail outlet next door at 206/210. The 1920's saw a spurt of new commercial growth on the Avenue, in some cases replacing earlier lumber businesses. Starting the trend was 800-818 Homer on the corner of Emerson built in 1923. Thompson's new bakery at 212/214 Homer and the City of Paris Cleaning and Dyeing Works at 248 Homer opened in 1925; 230/232 followed in 1928.

Further down Homer are remnants of the once thriving auto business. On the corner of Alma where BMW now is, the Pringle Service Station which sold Violet Ray gasoline opened in 1929. It was conveniently located next to the Durlin B. Hackett dealership (1936) on the corner of High, and was not far



### History Committee Meeting

March 1, 7:30 p.m.

om the Ford dealership (1927), soon to become ddleford Oldsmobile, located in what is now hole Foods.

Another important Palo Alto business, the laundry siness, was represented by the Cardinal French aundry (1931) at 260 Homer. 1932 saw the opening the Palo Alto Clinic, an early group medical prac- that was an integral part of the developing alth industry in Palo Alto. The building, now cant, has a proposed future as the Palo Alto tory Museum

t. Thomas Aquinas Church (1901) on the corner Waverley provided one of the religious choices in rly Palo Alto. It is the oldest existing church in the y.

These historic blocks of Homer are defined at the na end by the fence "monument", part of a fence stem donated to the city, circa 1910, to beautify the ilroad tracks, and defined at the Cowper end by Woman's Club (1916), whose members con- buted to the needs of the growing town. A 2005 dition in the middle of these blocks is Heritage k, a name that recognizes and pays tribute to the a's past.

*Carol Murden, History Committee*

## The Knowledge Revolution

April 2, 1:30pm - 5:00pm,

Humanities Center, 424 Santa Theresa Street
Stanford University

**A conference celebrating the Institute for esearch on Women and Gender's 30th nniversary.** Presented by current and former scholars of the Institute, this conference will xplore how 30 years of feminist scholarship as changed the nature of knowledge in many disciplines.

The opening plenary focuses on the revolution n knowledge in the East and the West, and the losing plenary addresses the future of feminist cholarship. Five workshops explore such topics s the complexities of veiling in the Mid-East, hird- and fourth- gender constructions among lative North American women, the Bio/poli- ics of late motherhood, raising boys in the 21st entury, and how feminist scholarship has hanged the way we see art.

**Free and Open to the Public**
**Reservations preferred: (650) 723-5829**

## Wear Your Favorite Hat to the March Luncheon

In honor of March and the Mad Hatter, we'd like to encourage everyone to wear a favorite hat to the March luncheon.

The term "Mad Hatter" is popularly recognized from the character described in Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll. He was the partner of the March Hare at the Mad Tea Party. Lewis Carroll did not invent the phrase, although he did create the characters. The phrases "mad as a hatter" and "mad as a March hare" were common at the time (1865) Lewis Carroll wrote Alice. The phrase "mad as a hatter" had been in common use in 1837, almost 30 years earlier. The Hatter and the Hare also reappear in *Alice Through the Looking Glass* as the King's messengers, Hatta and Haigha.

*Judith Schwartz*

## March 16 Luncheon Committee

Emily Renzel 321-4165

Lyn Auslander
Mary Grace Bertsch
Carolyn Caddes
Wendy Crowder
Diane Doolittle
Nancy Fiene
Annette Glanckopf-Ashton
Gloria Hom
Nanci Kaufman
Mary Law
Joan MacKenzie
Kathie McGinn
Gyn Firth Murray
Sybil Pfluke
Terry Rice
Kathryn Schmidt
Elena Smirnov
Sally Supplee
Shelby Valentine
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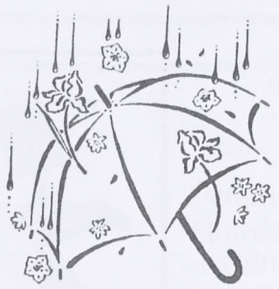

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## April 2005 Newsletter

President: Wanda Cavanaugh | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

## President's Message

Spring is a time of new beginnings and in keeping with this we will elect anew slate of officers at the April luncheon.

See the inside the Newsletter for a list of the 2005-2006 nominees. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the meeting.

With each new Board election we look to keep experienced leaders and add new members to keep the Club vital through new perspectives.

Emily Renzel and her crew provided a wonderful traditional Irish meal at the March luncheon! It was another active meeting with many "Mad Hatters" in the audience — cause for some wonderful conversations. Thanks to the History Committee for providing our National Women's History Month speaker, Autumn Stanley. This was our first luncheon charging $10 guest fees. Our meetings continue to host 90 to over 100 people.

We've added new programs, activities and committees, notably a Chess Club (Anne Saldich) and House Preservation Committee (chaired by Angela Bumbera) and have a special Luncheon Committee underway. Be sure to let me, or the committee chairs, know if you are interested in participating in these or any of our programs.

House and Grounds, chaired by Caroline Willis deserves a special thank you. The new speaker system and wireless mike were used for the first time at the March meeting--a special thank you to Jana Stevens; the refurbished historical tiles on the fireplace, overseen by Karen Holman; new air conditioning and electrical updating overseen by Margaret Feuer; additional soup spoons, bowls and other luncheon necessities to meet our increased attendance, overseen by Emily Renzel. Jennifer Kleckner, also one of our Rental Chairs, is also a member of this hardworking committee.

Looking ahead, our April 20 meeting will be hosted by Marti Baerg, Mary Carey Schaefer, and Addie Macovski. Our program will feature Stanford women's soccer coach Paul Ratcliffe.

Thanks again for everyone's support,

*Wanda*

### April Luncheon Program
### Paul Ratcliffe, Stanford Women's Soccer Coach

Hosted by Marti Baerg & mary Schaefer nd Addie Macovski

Coach Ratcliffe will talk about Title IX; what changes have occurred because of it (pro & con), what still needs to be changed, how it is working with Stanford Women's soccer and give us an update about the team.

Ratcliffe, honored three times as West Coast Conference (WCC) Coach of the Year, returns for his second season at the helm of the Stanford women's program. Ratcliffe coached the Cardinal to a 10-9-2 season in his first year on The Farm and guided the team to its sixth-straight NCAA Tournament appearance.

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## Book Group

**Tuesday, April 26 7:30 p.m.**

***Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight***
**by Alexandra Fuller**

This is the third book in our Africa series, and the one I would recommend first. The author is both an outsider and an insider, first in Zimbabwe, which had been Rhodesia in her early childhood, then in other African countries. Her parents can't really make it financially in Africa, but they don't know how to live anywhere else. Danger is part of their way of life: snakes and baboons, landmines and war, their own drunkenness and mental instability.

The first half of the book is a childhood memoir like none I have ever read. The narrator is rather like Huck Finn, but telling her own story. She observes her mother's alcoholism but also follows her into confrontations such as one with squatters on the family land after the white people have lost the war. Along with the child, the reader wonders how they lived through it all.

The girl telling the story goes from being in the privileged white school to, after the war, being one of very few white people in the school. When the family finally has to give up on one country, they move to another and usually find it equally daunting, but the life they are used to. The author tells an amazing story well.

Discussion leader: Melissa Blum
Refreshments: Margaret Feuer

We meet the fourth Tuesday: May 24, *Burger's Daughter* by Nadine Gordimer; June 28, *Disgrace* by John Coetzee. New members welcome.

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## History Corner

### Palo Alto Woman's Club Works of Art

There are nine works of art hanging on the walls of the Palo Alto Woman's Club. Why are they there? Who painted them?

Close inspection of each work has revealed some small metal plaques and some information about the artists.

When our club first began there were many committees and interest sections. Our past minutes indicate that ART was a very active section from 1900 to 1960s. Frequent art exhibits and art lectures were given at the clubhouse. In 1915, Art of the 1915 Exposition in SF and Rodin Art were lecture topics. In October of 1916 the minutes state, 'The walls were hung with many beautiful paintings'. All the work of a club member, Mrs. W.A (Jennie V.) Cannon who gave a talk on opportunities for artists and Art of the West.

Gifts of paintings were frequently given as awards at the yearly California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC) meetings. Four such awards are on our walls. Bertha Faris Davis, *Tulips* in oil was 1st Award to the PA Jr. Woman's Club in 1948. Bertha Amet, *Along the Coast* was an Art Section Award from CFWC in 1941. Jennie Crawford's *Floral* in oil was a 2nd Place Award to PA Jr. Woman's Club in 1955. Elsie Brown Grossman, *Ranunculus* in oil, was presented to the PAWC at the CA State Convention of CFWC in 1940. Ms. Grossman was a graduate of the Columbia Art School in Ohio. In the 1930-40s her art works were featured in the Los Angeles Museum and Public Libraries of L.A.

Little information is known about Vina Hankins, *Chrysanthemums* in oil, *Boy Going Fishing*, F. H Cutting 1931 (hanging in the front hall) and a small work by Kristen Shambora.

Gini Bunnell, a local artist (Floral watercolor, 1973) states, "This was painted at the beginning of my professional career. I am uncertain why it is at the PAWC, perhaps it was a gift. I was not a club member."

A seascape, *Storm at Point Lobos*is hanging in the Board Room. This was donated to the club by Dr. Frances H. Redewill in 1951. It was given in thanks for allowing the California Physicians Art Association to hold an art exhibit at the Clubhouse.

**History Committee Meeting**

**April 5, 7:30 p.m.**

As the History Committee and interested members continue to gather information, we hope to know more about these paintings and the artists.

*Lolly Osborne, History Committee*

## History Club of PAWC Spring Outing

June 8th Wednesday

Cypress Lawn Cemetery

Docent led tour highlighting the historic people within, the art structures and the fabulous stained glass ceilings!

We will meet @8:30AM

Palo Alto Woman's Club , Car pool to Colma

RSVP to Lolly Osborne by June 3rd 650-494-7207 or lolly@osbofamily.com

## Nominees for 2005-06 Board of Directors

Vote will be held at the April 20 meeting

**Officers**

Jana Stevens, President
Karen Holman, First Vice-president
Ellie Heister, Second Vice-president
Lanie Wheeler, Treasurer
Louise Beattie, Recording Secretary
Sharon Small, Corresponding Secretary
Emily Renzel, Finance Officer

**Directors**

Wanda Cavanaugh, one-year term
Pat Davis, one-year term
(second year of two-year term)
Iris Korol, one-year term
(second year of two-year term)
Elizabeth Moder-Stern, one-year term
(second year of two-year term)
Linda Anderson-Page, two year term
Margaret Feuer, two-year term
Judith Schwartz, two-year term

On behalf of all club members, we extend our gratitude for their service to Carol Hubenthal, Julie Jerome, Jennifer Kleckner, and Celiene O'Hara, who have chosen not to continue on the board next year.

Thanks to the nominating committee for a job well done: Anne Ercolani, Carolyn Emmerson, Margaret Feuer, Elizabeth Moder-Stern and Chair, Jeanne McDonnell

## The Stanford Historical Society Presents

**House & Garden Tour of Stanford's Historic San Juan Neighborhood Sunday, May 1, 2005 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

Join us for a rare glimpse into the history and architecture of Old Campus. Houses on tour are featured in *Historic Houses III: San Juan Neighborhood*, available at event for $20. The tour will feature four houses designed in the 1920s by Charles Kaiser Sumner and one designed by Binder & Curtis of San Jose in 1929.

Tickets are $20 each and may be purchased in advance (need to receive check by April 25). Pre-purchased tickets may be picked up on May 1 at the Registration Desk, 593 Gerona Road. Tickets may also be purchased on the day of the event for $25 each. Parking at Tresidder Union.

Additional tour information & directions: http://histsoc.stanford.edu

Questions: 650-324-1653 or 650-725-3332

## April 20 Luncheon Committee

Marti Baerg 494-1893, Addie Macovski 854-3681
Marey Carey Schaefer 327-3207

Linda Bader
Diane Boxill
Sarah Cane
Kay Culpepper
Diane Doolittle
Mary Doten
Pria Graves
Mary Houlihan
Chris Kenrick
Janet Leigh
Peggy McKee
Helene Pier
Susie Richardson
Margo Schmidt
Alice Smith
Sally Supplee
Marilyn Sutorius
Sandy Voorhees
Susan Winn

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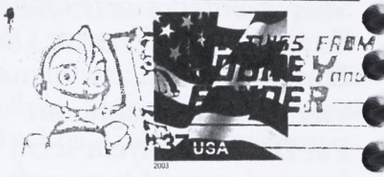


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## May 2005 Newsletter

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### President's Message

With all the wonderful things that May brings us, it also means the next to last meeting before summer break--and the last meeting with some of our wonderful Board members. Please join me in thanking Carol Hubenthal, Julie Jerome, Jennifer Kleckner and Celiene O'Hara for their years of service on the Board. I personally have grown immensely from being able to work with such outstanding women. Luckily, they will still be around and we will be able to tap into their wisdom and enthusiasm going forward.

It also means that I have been privileged to serve as your President for the past two years and must now turn over my gavel to Jana Stevens. Jana, along with her new Board, will continue to help our Club grow in all the important ways. I will remain on the Board and am looking forward to working with Jana and everyone. The new Board will be installed at the May luncheon. I can't thank everyone enough for your outstanding contributions to the Club's growth and strength, your terrific ideas and enthusiasm, your support for me as President, and so importantly, your friendship.

The Philanthropy committee has chosen the recipients for this year's giving program and we will honor them at our May meeting. Thanks so much to Iris Korol and her committee for their hard work and diligence. As many of you know, as a 501 (C) 3 charitable organization, philanthropic giving is important for us legally and by our by-laws, as well as compassionately.

Another wonderful May gift--following our May meeting, we will be treated to a short concert by our own diva, Edith Zitelli.

Be thinking about where you would like to participate next year. At our June lunch there will be sign-ups for the various committees that make the Club run. These include House & Grounds, House Preservation, Philanthropy, Programs, Tuesday Evening Socials, Luncheons, History, and Special Events.

Looking forward to seeing you in May,

*Wanda*

**MAY LUNCHEON PROGRAM**
**Board Installations**
**Philanthropy Awards**

HOSTED BY JENNIFER KLECKNER

Edith Zitelli will perform after the luncheon

(see special surprise program on page 3)

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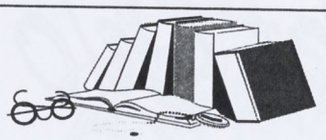

**Tuesday, May 24 7:30 p.m.**

***Burger's Daughter***

**by Nadine Gordimer**

The trauma of visiting one's parents who are in jail for their political activism, expressing pleasantries in notes that circumvent the censors to give your parents real information, such things make for serious reading. Lionel Burger and his wife worked against the government to free black people in South Africa and to install communism. Even in Burger's daughter's youth, government agents spied on and followed her. Some years after her parents died in prison, she was still under surveillance, and had to figure out a devious way to get a passport to travel outside the country.

I would get more comfortable with Gordimer's style if I read several books by her. She conveys the human side of places by piling on little things the heroine observes in passing. In one sentence, I counted 121 words, five of them hyphenated.

Social injustice, government intrusion, how oppression of one group demeans the entire society — communism, language, sexuality, culture, colonialism, race, ethnicity, economy — all are here in the story of one girl's life. You can see why Nadine Gordimer got the Nobel Prize.

Discussion leader: Sue Kemp
Refreshments: Susan Kazul

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## History Corner

It should come as no surprise that the Woman's Club of Palo Alto played a leading role in forming an Independent Equal Suffrage League. Our own Eleanor Pardee Karns called the first meeting to order on February 21, 1911. A week later, the group met to adopt a constitution, frame by-laws, and elect officers. Mrs. Karns was unanimously elected as the League's first president. Stanford professors, including President David Starr Jordan, and members of the local clergy encouraged the Palo Alto women, as did a number of California politicians. The members of the League and its supporters were determined to secure votes for women. Wyoming Territory had done so in 1869 and was the first state to extend the suffrage when it achieved statehood in 1890.

At the second open meeting of the Suffrage League, in March, an audience of two hundred and fifty men and women attended. Father Gleason of St. Thomas Church spoke, "We have been slow to emancipate our women, but just as slavery has passed away, so will the political slavery of women."

Reverend Carl Warner, first vice-president of the League, commented on his life-long wish that his mother "would live long enough to cast her vote as an intelligent human being in the affairs of the world." At successive meetings, women offered presentations on women's work, women's pay, and the activities of women in other clubs and other states in securing "votes for women." Again, Mrs. Karns took the lead, overseeing the drafting and printing of 1000 leaflets with the 8th amendment to the California constitution on one side and reasons for granting the vote to women on the other. She organized teams to canvas the entire city of Palo Alto going house to house to publicize the cause, recording their findings on index cards. The outcome of this endeavor reported 429 favorable, 116 uncertain, 65 against votes for women.

As the summer wore on, the League focused its attention on the coming October election. They printed small cards and large posters of "Vote for Woman's Suffrage" to be distributed around town. The members agreed to wear yellow badges and to position themselves at polling booths throughout the day. Mrs. Karns reported that the Daily Palo Alto Times would devote one whole edition to "The

**History Committee Meeting**

**May 3, 7:30 p.m.**

Suffrage Issue." Suffragists were painfully aware of how close they had come in 1896, when a ballot measure to secure votes for women failed by a slim margin.

On Election Day, October 10, 1911, the majority of Palo Alto men voted yes on the issue of full and equal voting rights for women. The vote statewide was slightly in favor. Thus, California women secured the vote in 1911. California was the sixth state to legislate in favor of women's suffrage, anticipating by nine years the Nineteeth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

*Peggy McKee*

## Special Surprise Program

## May 18

Several of our members heard our own opera diva, Edith Zitelli, in a recent Palo Alto recital. Her singing was so wonderful that they felt an encore was warranted. Edith has graciously agreed to give us a recital on May 18, after the business portion of the meeting is concluded. We expect the performance to begin at approximately 1 PM and last for 30 minutes, including informative comments about the songs and the composer.

Edith began her musical career in Washington, NJ where she was a young violinist in numerous school and community orchestras. She also studied voice and went on to the Julliard School. Her focus has been the German art song and her impressive career in concerts and opera has spanned almost 50 years.

Her solo operatic career was launched in a Stanford University production at the San Francisco Opera House. Since then she has performed leading roles with numerous area companies, including Tosca, Othello, Die Fledermaus, Macbeth, The Marriage of Figaro, La Boheme, The Tales of Hoffman, I Pagliacci, Hansel und Gretel, Rigoletto and Cosi Fan Tutti.

Edith's concert career featured a 35-year collaboration with pianist Adolph Baller (who also performed with violinist Yehudi Menuhin) which began in 1957 at the Menuhin estate in Alma California. Recitals included performances with the California Bach Society, Stanford University Chorus and Music Guild Series, San Jose Civic Chorale, the Schola Cantorum, the Carmel Bach Festival, Holy Trinity School, Manhattan Theater, and Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra.

We are honored to add the Palo Alto Woman's Club to her list of performance venues.

## HISTORY CLUB OF PAWC SPRING OUTING

**June 8th Wednesday**

**Cypress Lawn Cemetery**

Docent led tour highlighting the historic people within, the art structures and the fabulous stained glass ceilings!

We will meet @8:30AM

Palo Alto Woman's Club , Carpool to Colma

RSVP to Lolly Osborne by June 3rd

650-494-7207 or lolly@osbofamily.com

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE'S REACH OUT CAMPAIGN

If you're in need of a ride to our monthly meeting, would like aid with a few meals, or would enjoy a visit with another member, we can help.

Our new reach out campaign aims to put members in touch with one another.

If you would like to volunteer, or would like some support, please contact me.

Sharon Small 326-7408

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## May 20 Luncheon Committee

Jennifer Kleckner 321-1314

Melanie Bales
Joan Brennan
Barbara B. Carlitz
Darlene Eastling
Janet Dafoe
Barbara Foster
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Carol Hubenthal
Nancy Hunt Kiesling
Carol A. Lin
Margo Manley
Betty Meltzer
Celiene O'Hara
Marlene Prendergast
Micki Schneider
Ellen Smith
Frances Titterton
Miriam Vranova
Zorina B Wolf

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, May 3** - History committee 7:30 pm
For info: Carol Murden 327-1446

**Tuesday, May 10** - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
*Bring a friend!!!* For info: Celiene O'Hara, 367-8122 or Ellie Heister 328-9602

**Wednesday, May 11** - Board Meeting at 5:00 pm

**Tuesday, May 17** - Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Carol Martin, (408) 923-2492 carmartin@rocketmail.com

**Wednesday, May 18- Luncheon Meeting 11:45**
*Board Installations, Philanthropy Awards, Edith Zitelli Performance*
Hosted by Jennifer Kleckner

**Tuesday, May 24** - Book Group at 7:30 pm
Call Susan Kazul, 565-9101

**Tuesday Afternoons** Chess Club from 3:00-5:00.
Call Ann Saldich, 327-8620 for Information

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